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Support for Kilili's HR 1466 grows

» Extended stay for CNMI permanent residents, 3 other groups pushed

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Support for Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's bill granting CNMI-onlyresident status to four specific groups of people is drawing stronger support among worker groups and their supporters, especially after the release of the final Commonwealth-only worker rule.

Only those foreign workers who will be petitioned by their employers for a CW status on or before Nov. 27 are covered by the CW rule.

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FACE CHANGER

A "Biàn Lian" or "Face-Changing" performer from Beijing entertains the crowd with vibrant, colorful masks and costumes during the Chinese Culture Night held Thursday night at the Paseo de Marianas. The event, hosted by the Chinese Association of Saipan, attracted hundreds of spectators, who were captivated by the grace and skill of the evening's roster of performers that included local and Beijing talents.

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Except for McCallum, all federal prosecutors leaving

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Except for assistant U.S. attorney Beverly McCallum, all prosecutors at the U.S. Attorney's Office Saipan branch are leaving the island, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Salome Blas, public information officer of the U.S. Attorney's Office Districts of Guam and the NMI, confirmed the prosecutors' departure but did not specify who they are.

"The U.S. Attorney's Office, Saipan branch, is in transition with attorneys relocating closer to home and fulfilling overseas prosecution assignments under the U.S. Department of Justice," said Blas in an email.

Blas said that new attorneys would be replacing those

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Scientists find planet orbiting two suns like in 'Star Wars'

By LISA M. KRIEGER
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Imagine a day of sequential sunrises, shifting shadows and a tequila-colored sunset—followed by a crimson red one.

A team of scientists at NASA Ames Research Center has found such a remarkable place in outer space: a new planet, called Kepler-16b, which orbits around two different stars.

"It's an indication of what is possible—something entirely new and different, something very exotic," said lead scientist Laurance Doyle of the SETI Institute of Mountain View, Calif.

The discovery evokes the emotional

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A planet with two suns

Kepler spacecraft discovered a planet orbiting two stars by observing transits; the stars dimmed slightly when the planet crossed before them.

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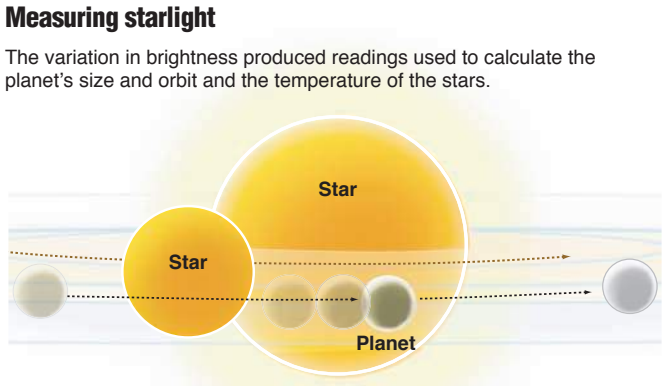

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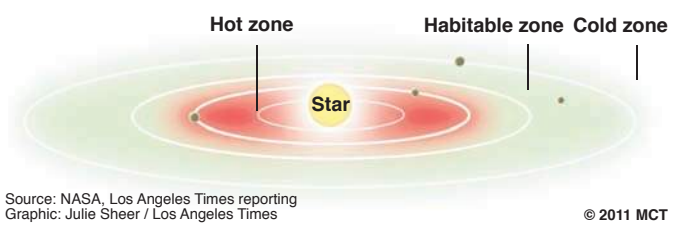
The planet Kepler surveyed is beyond the habitable zone – the zone most likely to have conditions favorable for life as it is found on Earth.



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1,000 more child tax credit checks up for release

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said an additional 1,000 child tax credit checks will be up for release once they pass the audit and assessment process, adding to the estimated 4,000 checks that have been already been released since Sept. 7.

The first batch included some 3,500 checks, followed by another 500 checks.

"The 500 checks have also been released. There will be another 1,000 checks," he said in an interview.

The estimated 5,000 child tax credit checks total some $5 million to $6 million.

The release of the biggest bulk of checks coincided with the first week of opening of public schools, providing relief to many parents who rely on the child tax credit check to buy school supplies and help pay for tuition.

The federal child tax credit is available to taxpayers who have a child under the age of 17. It is worth up to $1,000 per "qualifying" child.

In general, a "qualifying" child is any individual for whom the taxpayer can claim a dependency exemption and who is the taxpayer's son or daughter, stepson or stepdaughter, brother or sister, or eligible foster child.

Inos said after the child tax credit checks are released, the Fitial administration will start looking at tax rebate and refund checks, which he said will be released no later than December.

2 geologists complete new Saipan geologic map

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Two geologists from the U.S. Geological Survey have completed the new Saipan bedrock geologic map, the latest one of which was made by the USGS back in 1956.

William "Bill" C. Burton and David Weary, who are based in Reston, Virginia, informed *Saipan Tribune* over the weekend through emails that the revised and updated Saipan geologic map is now online at http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2011/1234/.

Burton and Weary conducted the mapping on Saipan for several weeks in the springs of 2006 and 2007.

Burton said that perhaps the most significant result of their new study was the mapping of an extensive network of faults that extend the length of the island.

"These faults, some of which are exposed in the limestone quarries, may extend to depths of several miles," Burton said.

These faults, Burton said, are associated with rubbly zones that may be good conduits for groundwater, and the faults' length and depth suggest that they may be good targets for exploration—particularly in the untapped volcanic core of the island.

In addition, Burton said, the faults may be associated with elevated temperatures at depth, and will be one of the subjects of the geothermal drilling project currently being conducted by Southern Methodist University.

"While Saipan is not very seismically active, whether or not one or more of these faults could play a role in a future earthquake remains an open question," Burton said.

He said the previous geologic map, while very detailed, had been published in 1956 or before the advent of the plate-tectonic theory of geology and modern ideas about the formation of island arcs.

In this new geologic map project, Burton, who has a long experience in igneous and metamorphic rocks, studied the underlying volcanic rocks.

Weary, an expert in carbonate (limestone) mapping, studied the limestone formations.

Burton said they conducted the work both along roads and overland, commonly by hiking along streambeds.

When asked about the biggest problem they encountered, the geologist cited the thick vegetation, which obscured the bedrock and made for difficult traverses.

"The previous geologic mapping had been conducted soon after the war, when much of the landscape was more open and accessible," Burton said.

The project to make a new geologic map of the island was conceived in 2004 after consulting with officials in the CNMI Legislature, the CNMI Water Task Force, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., and USGS hydrologist Rob Carruth.

Carruth, who was then stationed on Saipan, recently published a report on Saipan's groundwater resources.

Burton said that Carruth's report states that the island's tapped aquifers, which are exclusively limestone, are limited in extent and subject to salt-water contamination. At that time, Burton said, Saipan suffered chronic drinking water shortages, with few areas having a 24-hour water supply.

"We thought that a better understanding of Saipan's geologic framework might lead to new sources of drinking water, including in the untapped volcanic core of the island," Burton said.

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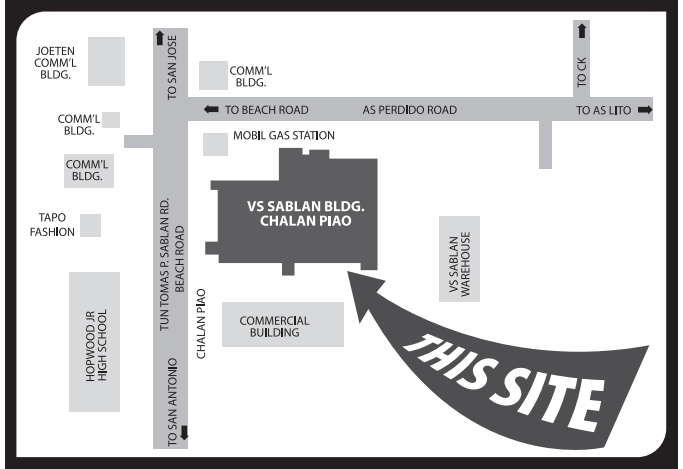

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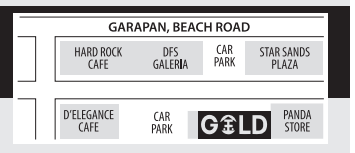

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DC hearing on minimum wage hike's impact on NMI, A. Samoa

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The U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs will hold an oversight hearing in Washington, D.C. on Sept. 23 at 9am to review the impact of the annual 50-cent minimum wage increases in the CNMI and American Samoa since 2007.

As of yesterday, the subcommittee's website—http://naturalresources.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=260206—has yet to identify the witnesses invited until they have confirmed.

However, Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan said the witnesses invited include U.S. Comptroller General Gene Dodaro, Assistant Interior Secretary for Insular Areas Anthony Babauta, American Samoa Gov. Togiola Tulafono, and businessman James Arenovski from the CNMI.

Arenovski, when asked for comment yesterday, said he just got the invitation and has yet to know the parameters of the hearing. He said if he couldn't be in Washington, D.C., he could also testify via videoconference.

Press secretary Angel Demapan said last night that Gov. Benigno Fitial has informed subcommittee chairman John Fleming that he will not be able to attend.

"It is not known yet whether anyone else will be testifying," he added.

The CNMI's current minimum wage is $5.05 an hour, a 67-percent increase from only $3.05 an hour before the wage law was enacted.

Sablan said a U.S. Government Accountability Office report on the impact of the minimum wage hikes will be a subject of the subcommittee hearing.

GAO is the investigative arm of the U.S. Congress.

The GAO report is mandated by law so that Congress can assess the effect the 50-cent annual wage increases are having on workers and the economies of the CNMI and American Samoa.

The 2010 report contributed to the decision to skip the annual wage increase in 2011.

When the minimum wage increases again in 2012, it will become $5.55 an hour in the CNMI.

ON THE NET

http://naturalresources.house.gov/Calendar/EventSingle.aspx?EventID=260206

"The [GAO] report observed falling employment in the Northern Marianas, but could not determine whether this was due to rising wages or was simply the result of the overall economic decline in the Commonwealth," said Sablan.

Under federal law, the CNMI has to increase its minimum wage by 50 cents annually beginning 2007 until it reaches the federal wage floor of $7.25 an hour. However, another federal law allowed the CNMI to skip a 50-cent minimum wage hike in 2011.

GAO released in June this year its report on the employment, earnings, and status of key industries in the CNMI and American Samoa since minimum wage increases began.

The report says tourism employers will continue to cut regular work hours and freeze hiring as well as start laying off employees by early 2012 as a result of the annual 50-cent increase in the CNMI's minimum wage.

By 2016 when the CNMI's minimum wage is supposed to reach $7.25 an hour, 95 percent of workers in the tourism industry would have been affected.

For employers, the minimum wage hikes impose additional costs at a time when multiple factors are making it difficult to operate. Employers and employees also have mixed feelings about the minimum wage increases.

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Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, second from right, Commonwealth Utilities Corp. executive director Abe Malae, center, and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Carl Goldstein, third from right, lead the ribbon cutting for the newly completed realignment and rerouting of the W-8 Lift Station project on a rainy Friday morning at the Joeten Dandan housing development site. The federal-funded project took six years to complete because of budget woes, and will benefit over 3,000 CUC customers.

SCIENTISTS

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"Star Wars" scene where young Luke Skywalker ponders his future under two glowing orbs; all that's missing is a London Symphony soundtrack.

"The imagination got there first," said the pony-tailed Doyle in a Thursday morning announcement at NASA Ames, in a nod to Industrial Lights and Magic's George Lucas—creator of the "Star Wars" saga—and Lucas' visual effects supervisor John Knoll, who joined the news briefing. "Science confirms things, but intuition leads you there."

The planet resides in the western wing tip of the constellation Cynus, the swan. Of the three bright stars on the wing—barely visible with binoculars—Kepler16b is about a half a degree away from the star Iota.

But earthlings can't get there, the team cautioned. It's 200 light years away, so it would take about 3.5 million years to get there, if you travel as fast as the space probe Voyager.

And unlike "Star Wars' " Tatooine, it's not habitable. About the size of Saturn, it has an ice-rocky core and a gassy helium-hydrogen atmosphere. The gravity is crushing. It's cold—about 100 to 150 degrees below Fahrenheit, notably colder than the most frigid day ever in Antarctica. Although planets that orbit two stars instead of just one have been glimpsed before, none have been observed passing in front of, or transiting, their parent stars until now.

Astronomers believe that these "binary stars" are not so unusual—in fact, they are thought to comprise about half of all the stars in our galaxy. So our lone sun may not be the norm.

Kepler16b's suns look big from the planet, because they're close. But, in fact, these suns are dimmer, and smaller, than Earth's. The orange one, called a K2 Dwarf, is less than two-thirds the sun's mass; the red one, called an M5 Dwarf, is about one-quarter the mass.

It is the latest discovery by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's planet-searching satellite Kepler, which monitors the light of hundreds of thousands of stars, then looks for dips in intensity that suggest a passing planet. It also records high-frequency variations in stars' light caused by vibrations, helping scientists deduce the size.

This new planet travels on a nearly circular 229-day orbit around its two parent stars. Because its rotation and axis is not yet understood, no one yet knows the rhythms of its days, nights and seasons.

And the suns have their own dance, spinning in an eccentric 41-day orbit around one another, according the team's paper, published in Thursday's issue of the journal Science.

In choreography worthy of George Balanchine, "The two stars are dancing around each other, then eclipsing each other," said Laurence, while the planet "exhibits a pirouette twirl, going around both of them." Because they eclipse each other, the team explained, the planet experiences a dim-and-bright, dim-and-bright light cycle.

One casts light on the other's shadows.

"It's a very dynamic sky—two sunsets are never the same," said Doyle.

"You can't tell time using a sundial," he laughed. "You need calculus."

Senate, House conferees begin budget meeting

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With only 11 days to go before the start of fiscal year 2012, members of the Senate and House conference committee will start meeting this morning to break a deadlock on a $102 million budget bill.

House members led by Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan) want their Senate counterparts to appropriate money for the lawmakers' individual operational account, which senators zeroed out in its substitute budget bill that the House rejected.

Senators led by Fiscal Affairs Committee chair Sen. Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota), for their part, will push for increased funding for Northern Marianas College, the Public School System, Rota and Tinian.

Basa, Taimanao, Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) and Senate Vice President Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian) said the first conference committee meeting will push through at 10am today.

But Torres said there's no telling yet what issue or government department will be tackled first.

Hofschneider, for his part, said yesterday that his focus remains the same—increased funding for PSS, NMC, and the Second Senatorial District which is Tinian.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos said the Fitial administration is hopeful that the Senate and House will come up with a budget bill acceptable to both houses and the administration by Sept. 30, so that a shutdown can be averted.

Any partial government shutdown could force over 1,000 government employees to be out of jobs, until a budget is passed and signed.

EXCEPT

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who are leaving the Saipan branch.

At a recent hearing in a criminal case, U.S. District Court for the NMI visiting judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood asked McCallum directly if she or other assistant U.S. attorneys were leaving the Saipan branch.

In her answer to the judge, McCallum confirmed that assistant U.S. attorneys Eric O'Malley, James Benedetto, and Kirk Schuler are leaving, but not herself.

Sources said that Benedetto publicly announced at a recent criminal case hearing in the U.S. district court that his last day will be 30th of this month.

Sources also disclosed that O'Malley is no longer the chief of the Saipan branch but First Assistant U.S. Attorney Belinda Alcantara, who is based in Guam.

Blas confirmed that Alcantara "supervises the Saipan branch during this transition period."

Sources said that McCallum and O'Malley had a "disagreement" in 2007, which ended with McCallum filing a complaint before the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission.

Asked whether the complaint had something to do with the departure of the prosecutors from the Saipan branch, Blas said they are unable to comment on any questions that relate to personnel matters.

O'Malley refused to comment, saying they're supposed to refer all questions to Blas.

Benedetto and Schuler did not respond to *Saipan Tribune*'s inquiries.

SUPPORT

From Page 1

A peaceful assembly is being planned by different worker groups to drum up support for Sablan's bill, which has 48 cosponsors in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Sablan's H.R. 1466 seeks to grant CNMI-only resident status to CNMI permanent residents, those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, and immediate relatives of U.S. and Freely Associated States citizens who could be out of status after Nov. 27, 2011.

Malou Berueco, a worker advocate, hopes that Congress will soon pass H.R. 1466, as there is less than three months to go before these groups of people could be forced to exit the CNMI because their statuses are not recognized under federal law.

Their status is also left out in the federalization law and the CW rule, she added.

Berueco was among the leaders of different worker groups who met on Saturday night to discuss HR 1466, the CW rule, and ways to help long-term foreign workers in the CNMI.

But because there's no telling whether Sablan's H.R. 1466 will be passed by Congress and signed into law before Nov. 27, time is running out for the four groups of people that Sablan wants to help.

"It's now clear that the CW rules will only cover others, while others could be out of status after Nov. 27. We hope Kilili's bill will pass before Nov. 27," said Carlito Marquez, head of the Unity Group of Foreign Workers.

The Coalition for the Recognition, Equality and Advancement of American Minorities, or CREAM, is also rallying behind Sablan's bill, which addresses those whose status will be in limbo after Nov. 27.

The federalization law does not recognize, for example, the CNMI permanent resident status and their immediate relatives, the immediate relatives of FAS citizens or those from the Federated States of Micronesia, Palau and the Marshall Islands, as well as those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978 and not considered U.S. citizens.

Extend grace period

The Coalition for the Recognition, Equality and Advancement of American Minorities, or CREAM, the Unity Group of Foreign Workers, the Dekada Movement and other groups would also like to request the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to extend the grace period from 30 days to a few more months or at least until Congress acts on HR 1466 so that affected individuals won't be forced to exit soon.

A USCIS team will hold public sessions on Saipan, Tinian and Rota starting tomorrow, to provide an overview of the newly published CW rule and other immigration classification available under the Immigration and Nationality Act. ***(See full schedule on Page 13)***

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, said they also want to request USCIS to extend the grace period for finding jobs beyond 30 days from Nov. 27, or at least up to the first quarter of 2012.

Syed said he will bring up this matter again with USCIS.

'Broaden scope'

Yho Villavicencio, a foreign worker advocate, said that Sablan's HR 1466 will help people who will otherwise face loss of status, including CNMI permanent residents and long-term foreign workers who have just lost their jobs and may be separated from their children.

"We support Mr. Kilili's bill. We also wish that he would broaden the scope of his bill to include those long-term foreign workers not covered by the CW rule because they just lost their job or they don't have U.S. citizen children," she said.

Bonifacio Sagana, president of the Dekada Movement, said they have long been supporting Sablan's bill because it takes care of people left out in the CW rule and the federalization law.

Sablan's bill also covers the immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008, and continuing to be on the islands.

But worker groups would also want Sablan to consider adding a fifth group of people to be covered by HR 1466—those who have been lawfully in the CNMI for at least five years as of May 8, 2008.

Syed reiterated that during his Sept. 30 visit to Washington, D.C., he will personally ask members of Congress to act on a U.S. Interior recommendation in 2010 to grant improved immigration status to foreign workers who have been in the CNMI for at least five years.

Syed's group is pushing for "green card" or pathway to U.S. citizenship for long-term foreign workers.

His group is also asking President Barack Obama to use his administrative power to grant parole-in-place status to foreign workers in the CNMI until Congress acts on the Interior recommendation on the status of these workers.

Syed's group has opposed Sablan's bill, saying it does not take into account long-term foreign workers without U.S. citizen children. But he said he will not oppose HR 1466 in Washington, D.C.

Berueco said she "strongly disagrees" with human rights advocate Wendy Doromal's statement advocating for "all or nothing" instead of advocating "for some" in connection with Sablan's HR 1466.

"Personally, I would rather save some than not saving anybody at all. If we are trying to solve a solution for all, we are not trying to solve any problem at all. One size doesn't fit all," she said.

Berueco said that those covered by Sablan's bill are contributing members of the CNMI economy, including those who have been legally employed for years as nurses, engineers, architects, accountants, hotel workers, house workers and caregivers.

Rene Reyes, president of the Marianas as Advocates for Humanitarian Affairs Ltd., said yesterday that they support Sablan's bill and hopes that Congress will act on it sooner than later.

But Reyes is also hoping that it will include others who don't have U.S. citizen children but have been working in the CNMI for a long time.

Reyes shared the sentiments of other leaders that many of these long-term foreign workers have just recently lost their jobs because of the economy, and the time is not enough for them to find a new one between now and Nov. 27.

There are also members of workers' groups who are appealing to their fellow members who are unemployed and with U.S. citizen children who only have one or a few years before reaching 21 when they can start petitioning their parents as dependents, to consider returning to their country and just wait to be petitioned by their children.

"Rather than face removal proceeding or be deported from the CNMI or the U.S., it would be better if you exit voluntarily if you can't find a job, and accept the reality. Once your U.S. citizen children reach 21, then they can start petitioning for your return to the CNMI," one of the leaders said.

Nov. 27, 2011, is the last day of the two-year period allowed under the federalization law wherein workers can still remain in the CNMI using a Commonwealth-issued permit.

After that, foreign workers need to have an employer to petition them for a CW status.

Mafnas transfers 7 detectives, merges 3 sections at DPS

» Some affected officers upset with reshuffle

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Mafnas

Department of Public Safety Commissioner Ramon Mafnas has transferred seven detectives from the Criminal Investigation Bureau and merged three sections effective Friday, *Saipan Tribune* learned over the weekend.

In initiating the major restructuring and reshuffle of officers, Mafnas reportedly said that he wants changes at the department to provide more efficient public services, sources at DPS said.

At least five officers confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* the reshuffle at DPS.

Some of the affected officers, however, sources said, were disappointed with the shakeup.

One officer, citing the hard work of some officers in dealing with social workers, various coalitions, domestic violence program, and other committees, stated that the reshuffling goes to show that higher-ups don't really know the capabilities of their personnel.

"They go by what they assume and think rather than advising key players," said the officer, who requested anonymity.

Sources said the seven CIB detectives were transferred to the Patrol Section.

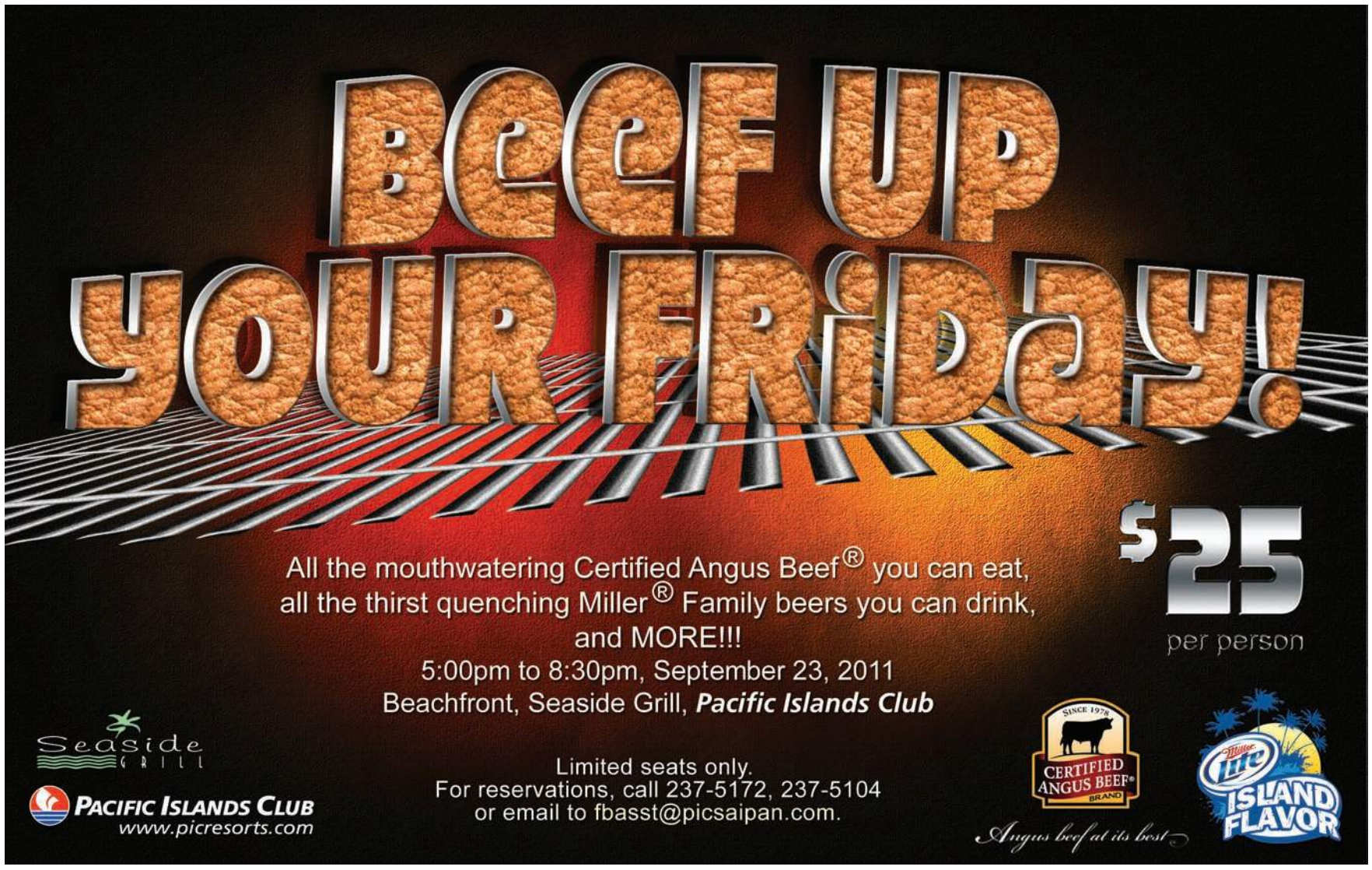
Detective Pete Aldan, who, as chairman of the Domestic Violence Awareness Month of October handles numerous domestic violence cases, was moved to Bravo Shift Patrol Section.

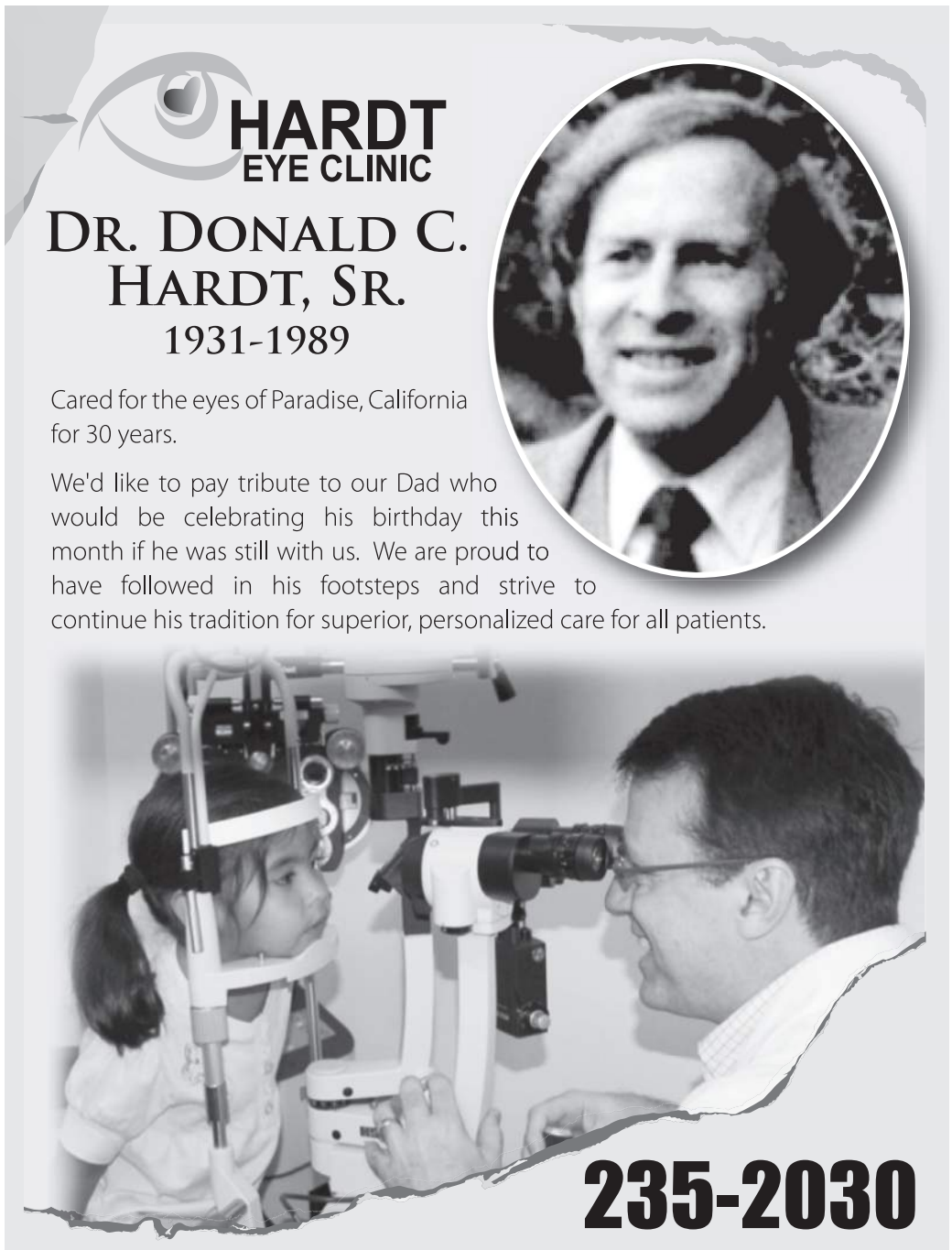
Four officers from Patrol, one officer from Boating Safety Section, one officer from Traffic Section, and one officer from Motor Carrier Safety Assistance Program (MCSAP) were transferred to CIB.

Mafnas merged the MCSAP and Traffic and Patrol Sections.

Officer Jerry Ayuyu, the head of MCSAP, was moved to Patrol, while Sgt. Paul Ogumoro, the former chief of CIB, was transferred to the Drug Enforcement Administration Task Force.

One officer admitted that some of those affected by the reshuffle are upset, but that they can't do anything about it except to follow the commissioner's directive.

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Project tracks evolution of the Chamorro language

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

A group of linguists from the Universitat Bremen in Germany has embarked on a project that would possibly aid in the preservation of the Chamorro language in contemporary times.

Dr. Thomas Stolz and Barbara Dewein, who are part of the five-member team working on the Chamorrica project, discussed some of their findings in a presentation sponsored by the NMI Humanities Council at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater last Saturday.

"We're trying to find as many manuscripts—unedited manuscripts—as possible that deal with the Chamorro language during the colonial times before 1950," said Stolz in an interview after the presentation.

The Chamorrica project, which started a year ago, is funded by the German Science Foundation.

According to Stolz, the manuscripts that they to compile and study date back to the German and Spanish colonial periods and include all materials published in languages other than English.

Stolz disclosed that they have so far found and gathered manuscripts from various archives in Germany, including archives of missionary societies. He said collecting all the materials was not easy since there was "no principal way to find the manuscripts."

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Dr. Thomas Stolz and Barbara Dewein, who form part of the five-member team working on the Chamorrica project, pose for the Saipan Tribune at the American Memorial Park Visitors Center Theater on Saturday.

Dewein said that some of the project's challenges include finding pertinent manuscripts, doing research on the various authors of the texts, and the transfer of these texts to modern orthography due to different opinions on what is considered modern orthography.

"It's a little bit [of] guesswork," Stolz told *Saipan* Tribune. "So far we have been rather unexpectedly successful, in a way, and the number of manuscripts waiting for the first publication is relatively sizeable."

Stolz said that among these manuscripts they discovered is the unpublished Chamorro-German dictionary written by Hermann Constenoble called the "Collection of Basic Words of the Chamoro Language," a 300-page manuscript that contained between 2,500 to 3,000 entries.

Born in 1893 in Rheinfelde, Germany, Constenoble was the oldest of nine children of the first German settlers in the Marianas. He lived in the Marianas for 10 years and left Guam in 1913.

Stolz said that Constenoble's work is very important in their project mainly because the grammar is the "most detailed grammar ever written in Chamorro" and contains more information than any later publications in Chamorro.

"This grammar stands out in so far as the author grew up in Guam and Saipan and he had fairly good knowledge of the language. He claims personally that it was native-like," Stolz said about Constenoble's manuscript.

Stolz said the materials they have gathered so far reveal that there are "quite a few words" that are no longer found in modern dictionaries. "The question is, have they fallen into oblivion or are they simply skipped over in the dictionaries?" he said.

Another finding, Stolz said, is information on the intonation of the Chamorro language, which he said is described in Constenoble's work in a "very detailed fashion."

"What he says is not in line with later descriptions of the singsong (intonation) of the Chamorro and it would be interesting if it has changed due to foreign influence," noted Stolz.

Stolz said the group is planning to do a series of publications involving book-length studies of texts that they will find. He said they are currently working on the re-edition of Constenoble's "German Grammar" published in 1940.

Stolz hopes that the re-edition would have an English translation to make it accessible to the native population.

"People who are interested in revitalizing their language and making it survive in the 21st century, perhaps they will find words, grammatical constructions, idiomatic expressions and meanings that are no longer in use but are properly Chamorro elements and they can be reintroduced into the current language without having to borrow words from English or from Spanish," he said of the re-edition.

Dewein, for her part, said, "With the project that we're working on, I hope that we can make a contribution to create an awareness that a lot of text have been produced about Chamorro and then by the translation, make it available to those people who are actually studying it."

The two will depart for a one-week stay in Guam tomorrow, with plans to intensify the project through further visits to the Marianas next year and in 2013.

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FINANCIAL AUDITS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS NO. RF11-005
AMENDMENT NO. 1

OPENING DATE: August 22, 2011 CLOSING DATE: September 21, 2011

The Board of Trustees of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund is soliciting sealed proposals to perform a financial audit of the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund (NMIRF), Workers' Compensation Commission (WCC), and Group Health and Life Insurance Trust Fund (GHLITF) for the fiscal years ending September 30, 2011 and 2012. To receive the RFP package, you may mail, fax or e-mail your request to:

Richard S. Villagomez, Administrator
Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund
P.O. Box 501247 CK
Saipan, MP 96950-1247
Fax No. 670-664-8080
E-mail: administrator01@nmiretirement.com

There will be a pre-proposal conference on Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at 9:00 am in the Fund Conference Room, Capitol Hill Saipan. Questions regarding the project must be submitted in writing to Richard S. Villagomez, Administrator, Fax No. (670) 664-8080 or emailed to administrator01@nmiretirement.com no later than September 1, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

The Board reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any imperfections in a proposal if doing so is the best interest of the Fund. All proposals shall become the property of the NMI Retirement Fund.

//s// Richard S. Villagomez
Administrator

Northern Marianas College
Procurement & Property Management Office
P.O. Box 501250 CK, Saipan, MP 96950 U.S.A.
Tel: (670) 234-5498 ext. 2300/01/02 Fax: (670) 235-7601
E-mail: procurement@nmcnet.edu, Website: www.nmcnet.edu

INVITATION FOR BIDS

NMC BID#: IFB 11-0002

TERMITE AND PEST CONTROL SERVICES

Northern Marianas College is soliciting competitive sealed bids for the procurement of Termite and Pest Control Services.

Specifications and Scope of Work packages may be picked up at the **NMC Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, commencing Monday (August 22, 2011) to Friday between the hours of 8: 30-11:30 a.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m.**

Bid Packages are due no later than 10:00 a.m. September 19, 2011, at Northern Marianas College, As Terlaje Campus, Procurement Office, Bldg. L, 2nd Floor, Saipan, MP 96950. You may request a copy of the IFB 11-0002 packet via fax (670) 235-7601 or e-mail to Anita Camacho (anitac@nmcnet.edu).

Sealed bids must be marked "NMC IFB 11-0002" for bidders within the CNMI, an original and 4 copies of sealed bids must be submitted to NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, no later than 10:00 a.m local time September 19, 2011. Bidders outside the CNMI may obtain an additional (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of intent to bid. Notice of intent to bid must be received by the Procurement and Property Manager no later than 10:00am local time September 19, 2011 and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 235-7601 or via email to anitac@nmcnet.edu. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and 4 copy of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than September 19, 2011. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the NMC Procurement and Property Management Office, As Terlaje Campus on September 19, 2011 at 1:30pm. However, if notices of intent to bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at September 27, 2011 at 1:300pm.

This solicitation does not constitute an offer and does not obligate the College in any way. The NMC reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids for any reason and waive any defect in said bids, or cancel in part or its entirety this IFB, if it deems, in its sole discretion, it is in the best interest of the College. All costs incurred by the proposer to prepare a response to this solicitation and subsequent inquiries shall be borne by the proposer. All submittals shall become the property of NMC.

/s/ Anita Camacho
NMC Procurement Manager

/s/ John D. Guerrero
Facilities Manager

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1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2850
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813
Telephone: (808) 524-5066
Petitioner

IN THE FAMILY COURT OF THE FIRST CIRCUIT

STATE OF HAWAII

In the Interest of
John Doe,
A Male Child,
Born on July 19, 2007.

TPR NO. 11-1-6003

NOTICE OF TIME AND PLACE OF HEARING

STATE OF HAWAII
TO: Unknown natural but not legal father
Whose last known address is unknown.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a petition for termination of you parental rights in and to a male child, born on July 19, 2007 to Xiang Lan Jin aka Jin Xiang Lan has been filed in the Family Court.

YOU ARE HEARBY FURTHER NOTIFIED that a hearing on the petition will be heard in the Family Court, 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii on Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 1:30 p.m.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED that if you fail to appear on the date set forth in this notice or to file a written answer with Family Court, whose mailing address is 4675 Kapolei Parkway, Kapolei, Hawaii 96707 (Attn: Special Division Calendar Clerk) before the date of hearing, further action may be taken without further notice to you, and your parental and custodial duties and rights concerning the subject child may be terminated and such child may then be placed for adoption.

Failure to obey this notice may result in the entry of default and a default judgment against you.

This notice shall not be personally delivered between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. on premises not open to the public, unless a judge of the Family Court permits, in writing on this notice, personal delivery during those hours.

Dated: Kapolei, Hawaii, **Aug. 23, 2011**

/s/ A. DANBARA
Clerk of the above-entitled Court

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, and other applicable state and federal laws, if you require a reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Disability Accommodations Coordinator at the First Judicial Circuit, Chief Court Administrator's Office 539-4400, FAX 539-4402 or TTY 539-4853, at least ten (10) working days prior to your hearing or appointment date.

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RHS valedictorian denied scholarship award

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

The family of a new graduate of Rota High School is seeking help with the situation of their daughter, Katelyn M. Alpino, who was denied scholarship assistance despite graduating from high school with the highest academic honor as its class valedictorian.

Alpino is now enrolled at Philadelpia University for a pre-medicine course. His father, Arthur Alpino, said that Katelyn went ahead with plans to study in the U.S. mainland, confident that she would qualify for the Honors Scholarship Awards provided by the government through the CNMI Scholarship Program.

But to the family's surprise, Katelyn's application was denied, with the CNMI Scholarship Office saying that she did not met the required grade point average. Adding to their surprise was finding out that Rota High School's salutatorian and third honor awardees were selected for the scholarship grant.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Scholarship Office investigated the matter following the appeal of Alpino's family. Their findings, however, showed that Katelyn's GPA was actually lower than the two other honor students in her batch—adding a curious twist to the situation.

Mr. Alpino, on behalf of his daughter, filed a complaint with the office of Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan on Aug. 26, seeking clarification about the records and grades of his daughter. He clarified that the family is not blaming the Scholarship Office, which they believe conducted a proper investigation and assessment.

"We have sent our daughter to the mainland for her college education with the hope that she had attained this honor scholarship grant. My daughter was crying upon learning this and is still depressed by this unfavorable condition," said Alpino in his grievance letter to Sablan.

In an interview Friday, Alpino said they were also confused when the Scholarship Office informed them the class salutatorian and the third honor students were the ones selected for the Honors Scholarship Awards.

Since that Aug. 26 filing, Mr. Alpino said it was only on Sept. 9 when a PSS personnel came to Rota to work on the grievance. The PSS personnel promised to respond by Monday, Sept. 12, but that did not happen.

"We didn't receive any response or words from PSS. We even sent follow-up emails and tried to call them but we failed to get a word. Our daughter is suffering now and we want to know why this is happening. For me, it is insane and ridiculous that my daughter who graduated valedictorian has a lower GPA than the second and third highest students in her batch," Mr. Alpino said, alleging that some "manipulation, if not error" may have happened to discredit his daughter.

PSS recently appointed Charley Kenty as its equal employment opportunity officer, which handles complaints and grievances as delegated by the commissioner. Kenty was not available when contacted by *Saipan Tribune* Friday and failed to return calls. *Saipan Tribune* learned that Kenty assigned a staffer to review the grievance and investigate Alpino's case. The PSS report, according to Mr. Alpino, was expected on Sept. 12 but has not been released yet.

With nowhere else to turn to, Alpino's family wrote Thursday to Sen. Juan Ayuyu, the Rota legislative delegation chairman, to seek his help. Mr. Alpino said that, without the scholarship award, it will be difficult for his family to continue sending Katelyn to college.

"Please help us. We feel that we are deprived and neglected. We can't wait anymore," Mr. Alpino told the senator in his letter.

The U.S. Military Services INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE in the Mariana Islands Training and Testing (MITT) EIS/OEIS

The U.S. Navy is in the early stages of preparing an Environmental Impact Statement/Overseas Environmental Impact Statement (EIS/OEIS) to evaluate potential environmental effects associated with maintaining military readiness training and research, development, testing and evaluation activities ("training and testing activities") in the MITT Study Area. Community input is requested on the scope, environmental resources and local issues to address in the EIS/OEIS.

The military services request your input!

You can participate in a variety of ways:
- Visit **www.mitt-eis.com** to learn more, submit comments and link to resources about military training and testing activities.
- Mail written comments to the address below.
- Attend an open house scoping meeting and submit oral or written comments.

Let the services know what environmental factors should be considered in the preparation of the EIS/OEIS.

PROPOSED ACTION:

The Proposed Action is to conduct military readiness training and testing activities within the MITT Study Area. The MITT Study Area includes air, land and sea space in the existing Mariana Islands Range Complex (MIRC), additional areas on the high seas and a transit corridor where military training and testing activities may occur. The Proposed Action would support training and testing activities associated with new systems and force structure changes within the MITT Study Area to ensure critical military requirements are met. The EIS/OEIS will support applicable environmental reauthorizations, consultations and other associated environmental requirements for those training and testing activities. The MITT EIS/OEIS is the reevaluation and reauthorization of training and testing activities reviewed in the MIRC EIS/OEIS, which the Navy completed with community input in 2010.

SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:
Naval Facilities Engineering Command, Pacific
Attention: MITT EIS/OEIS Project Manager
258 Makalapa Drive, Suite 100
Pearl Harbor, HI 96860-3134
Submit comments online at **www.mitt-eis.com**.

Comments must be postmarked or received online by Monday, Nov. 7, 2011.

PUBLIC SCOPING MEETINGS
Open House: 5 to 8 p.m.

Guam:
Thursday, Sept. 22, 2011
University of Guam
Leon Guerrero School of Business and Public Administration Building,
Anthony Leon Guerrero Multi-Purpose Room 129
Mangilao, Guam 96923

Guam:
Friday, Sept. 23, 2011
Southern High School, Cafeteria
#1 Jose Perez Leon Guerrero Drive
Santa Rita, Guam 96915

Saipan:
Monday, Sept. 26, 2011
Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe
Saipan, MP 96950

Tinian:
Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011
Tinian High School, Cafeteria
San Jose Village
Tinian, MP 96952

Rota:
Thursday, Sept. 29, 2011
Sinapalo Elementary School, Cafeteria
Sinapalo I, Songsong Village
Rota, MP 96951

For more information visit: www.mitt-eis.com

CNMI Water Task Force
ITB 11-GOV- 141

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos through the CNMI Water Task Force, are soliciting Sealed Bids from qualified individuals or firms for the procurement of the supply and delivery of various materials for use in the optimization of the water wellheads on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Bidders must bid on all items. A contract will be awarded to one supplier for all bid items

The procurement specifications and special terms and conditions will be available at the Office of the Director, Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan on or after **September 19, 2011**.

Any questions regarding this Invitation for Bids should be addressed to Mr. Pedro Sasamoto, Program Manager, CNMI Water Task Force at (670) 664-2285, or via facsimile at (670) 664-2279 before **October 3, 2011.**

Sealed Bids must be marked "**Supply of Wellhead Materials**", **ITB11-GOV- 141.** For bidders within the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, October 18, 2011**. Bidders located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days of receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to Bid. Notices of Intent to Bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **2:00 p.m., local time, October 18, 2011** and must be transmitted via facsimile to **(670) 664-1515** or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For bidders located outside of the CNMI, an original and four (4) copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Services or the official government postal service no later than **October 18, 2011** AND must be received by Procurement and Supply no later than **October 27, 2011**.

Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Division of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan at **2:00 p.m., local time, October 28, 2011**. However, if no notices of Intent to Bid are received from bidders outside the CNMI, the bids will be opened at **2:00 p.m., local time, October 19, 2011.**

Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations.

This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Office of Insular Affairs. Award of a contract is contingent upon approval from DOI/OIA.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposal and to waive any imperfection in a proposal in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All Proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

/s/Benigno R. Fitial
Governor

/s/Herman S. Sablan
Director, Procurement & Supply

KARIDAT A Northern Mariana Islands Social Service

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR FINANCIAL AUDIT

This is to request for proposal (RFP) to perform a financial and compliance audit on KARIDAT for fiscal years ending September 30, 2011, 2012, and 2013. The audit will be performed in compliance with the generally accepted auditing standards. The proposal must be submitted to Karidat's Office on Chalan Kanoa Drive or mailed to Karidat Social Service, P.O. Box 500745, Saipan MP 96950 by September 30, 2011.

I. **Contents of Proposal:** The following information must be included in the Audit Proposal:
   1. Title Page Containing:
   2. RFP Subject
   3. Name of the Firm
   4. Local Address
   5. Telephone Number
   6. Name of Contact Person
   7. Submission Date

II. **Transmittal Letter:**
   A. A brief statement of your understanding of the work to be performed and an Affirmative statement to perform work within the time period stipulated.
   B. State all-inclusive fee for which the audit will be performed.

III. **Firm Profile:** Provide a brief description of your firm's personnel education background and experience, number of staff, staff level (partner, manager, supervisor, etc.) and client's listings. The firm must make an affirmative statement that at least the partners are Certified Public Accountants (CPAs).

IV. **Proposal Evaluation Criteria:** The proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria.
   A. Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating understanding of the work to be performed:
      1. Audit coverage
      2. Overall estimates as well as the time estimates for each major section of the work to be performed.
   B. Qualifications and experience of the firm:
      1. Size and structure of the firm
      2. Ability to maintain continuity of project
      3. Experience of the firm in auditing Federal Financial Assistance programs and Non-Profit Organizations.
   C. Qualifications and experience of staff to be assigned. Education, position in the firm, and years and type of experience will be considered:
      1. Qualifications of audit team
      2. Supervision to be exercised over the firm's audit team
   D. Audit Fee

V. **Audit Administration Matters:**
   A. KARIDAT staff will prepare schedules as required by the Auditor.
   B. Audit Planning Meetings, interim conferences and exit conference may be attended by the following officials: Members of Karidat Board of Directors, the Executive Director. Accountants, and the Administrative Officer.
   C. Date of contract award will be October 15, 2011. The audit field work will be completed by January 15, 2012.
   D. The audit draft report must be completed no later than April 15, 2012.
   E. All inquiries must be in writing and submitted prior to the proposal deadline of September 30, 2011.

VI. **Confidentiality of Audit Proposals:** All audit proposals will be reviewed in a confidential manner. Proposals must be labeled "Confidential" and transmitted to the Executive Director, Karidat Social Services, P.O. Box 500745, Saipan MP 96950. It may also be hand delivered to the Executive Director at Karidat's main office located on Chalan Kanoa Drive.

/s/ Angie V. De Leon Guerrero
Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-036

Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation
ADDENDUM NO. 1
Date: August 26, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following notice of extension to the deadline for submission of proposals and inquiries to CUC-RFP-11-036:

- **The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from August 30, 2011 to September 28, 2011;**
- **The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to September 19, 2011.**

One (1) original and Six (6) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-RFP-11-036 " Gasification or Waste to Energy Generation"** to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 28, 2011.** A copy of the entire submission is also required to be sent by email to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net and Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net or alternately include a CD with each copy of the submission. Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 19, 2011** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net; and Mr. Wallon Young, Deputy Director, Power Generation/Distribution, via email address wallon59@yahoo.com. CUC will respond to any questions and clarifications only to prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

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Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-11-048

Geothermal Energy Development on Saipan, CNMI
ADDENDUM NO. 1

Dated: September 2, 2011

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is issuing the following amendments to CUC-RFP-11-048, Geothermal Energy Development, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Marina Islands:

- The initial Scope-of-Work and Proposal Solicitation Notice for CUC-RFP-11-048 has been amended. All registered prospective Offerors will be provided with a complete copy of the amended Scope-of-Work & Proposal Solicitation Notice;
- The deadline for submission of proposals has been extended from September 6, 2011 to November 15, 2011;
- The deadline for submission of inquiries has been extended to November 1, 2011.

Stage 1, Geothermal Gradient Project

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms to collect and evaluate scientific data to better determine the potential for development of geothermal energy on Saipan. Available information suggests that the geothermal gradient beneath Saipan may be sufficiently steep to develop geothermal energy to generate electricity.

The technical complexity of the Project and the need to collect and evaluate extensive data will require the successful Proposer to provide the expertise from various professional disciplines, conduct exploratory drilling, and provide equipment and materials necessary to complete the Scope of Work.

The RFP package and Scope-of-Service will be e-mailed to all interested Offeror, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check, in the amount of $ 200.00 for one set; by the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-proposal Conference will be held on **September 22, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**, at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original, Six (6) copies, and one (1) digitized version (PDF) must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-11-048 "Saipan Geothermal Development Project" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than **November 15, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST).** Proposals mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All inquiries must be submitted in writing no later than **November 01, 2011 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Mr. Manuel B. Sablan, Jr. CUC Purchasing Officer via email address msablan@cucgov.net; Dr. James Quick, CNMI Energy Advisor and Consultant via email address jquick@smu.edu. ; Mr. Wallon Young, CUC Deputy Director -Power via email address wallon59@yahoo.com and Ms. Janina Muna, Procurement & Supply Administrative Assistant via email address mika_muna@cucgov.net. CUC will respond to questions and clarifications of prospective offerors who have registered with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division for the solicitation.

ALAN FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Free hookup to CUC main sewer lines will be offered

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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. will be creating a new program that will allow its customers to hook up their septic tanks to the agency's main sewer lines for free.

CUC executive director Abe Malae said Friday that the program's goal is to connect all failed septic tanks to the main system and stop the contamination of the groundwater.

In the past, anyone living within 200 feet of a new sewer line was required by CUC regulation to connect at their own expense. The cost of a new sewer connection can run anywhere from $2,000 to close to $10,000.

CUC recognizes that this cost has been a significant barrier to obtaining new customers, said Malae, adding that CUC also recognizes that times are very hard for most customers, who simply cannot afford to pay for such services.

According to Ken Esplin, associate engineer for CUC, the program will be funded by the $350,000 grant provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He disclosed that CUC is finalizing the selection of a contractor and expects the program to begin before the year ends.

Esplin believes that there is a significant number of CUC customers who have failed septic tanks and are not connected to the main sewer line. He said this is the chance for these customers—living within 200 feet of the CUC main sewer system anywhere on the island—to get connected, whether they are residential or commercial. All the customer has to do, he said, is submit an application to CUC to connect to the sewer and sign an agreement allowing the contractor to perform the connection.

CUC charges customers for sewer usage based on their water consumption.

According to Malae, the completion of the realignment and rerouting of the sewer line W-8 lift station project gave them the impetus to create this new program.

"Overall, this first test of the program was a success, and CUC was able to connect nearly every customer along the new sewer alignment. CUC will be commencing an islandwide version of this grant-funded customer connection program within the next few weeks, applying the experience and lessons learned during the W-8 project to ensure even further success," added Malae.

Flashback
A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 19, 2000

House to amend bill regulating boat traffic
The House transportation committee will press passage of the controversial bill seeking to regulate sea vessels' traffic within Saipan's western lagoon in a bid to enhance safety of the area for tourists and passengers. Committee chair Rep. Rosiky F. Camacho said it would be amended to deal with concerns raised during public hearings conducted for the past few weeks. Among the changes under consideration include requiring installation of a ramp for jetskis instead of using beach areas as well as restricting use of third-class docking facilities. "We will definitely go ahead with the bill," Mr. Camacho told in an interview. "We need these safety measures and regulations to correct past errors."

House appeals to feds on crop insurance
The House of Representatives has formally requested the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend a federal crop insurance program to the CNMI, citing the need to assist local farmers and ranchers. In endorsing the move, the Committee on Health and Welfare said a mechanism to protect local crops and investment by farmers must be in place in order to encourage development of agriculture industry on the islands. HR 12-63, sponsored by Rep. William S. Torres, called on the USDA through August Schumacher, undersecretary of farm and foreign service, to implement the program here, which is similar to the assistance provided to all farmers across the nation.

Sept. 19, 2001

'Fund's overseas investments safe'
Despite the reported drop in stock market indices worldwide in the wake of the terrorist attacks in the US mainland, the NMI Retirement Fund assured that its international investments remain safe and sound and have not been adversely affected. "The Fund's investments are doing just fine and are perfectly safe. The Fund was very lucky in that none of its money managers nor the Fund's consultants had offices in any of the buildings that were damaged or destroyed," assured Kathleen Troy-Rucker, the Fund's legal counsel. She also stressed that the Fund has no immediate plans of liquidating or withdrawing its international investments, saying that this action is still a remote possibility.

CIPs seen to buoy construction sector
The CNMI government has approved the release of a total of $73.56 million for several Capital Improvement Projects, of which more than half will go to projects in Saipan. Despite three line item vetoes, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio signed into law House Bill 12-374, allocating $18.45 million for Rota, $11.94 million for Tinian, and $17.79 million for Saipan, totaling $48.18 million. Funding for these projects will come from Commonwealth Development Authority bond earnings amounting to $24.02 million, bond interest amounting to $1.2 million, and Covenant Section 702 funding in the amount of $24.97 million.

Sept. 19, 2002

NMIRF is not alone in its investment losses
With the entire American retirement system itself losing $630 billion in 2000 and 2001, the losses sustained by the Northern Marianas Islands Retirement Fund's investment portfolio merely reflect the general malaise that is plaguing the pension industry. This was stressed by Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes, in reaction to statements in the media that had questioned the Board of Trustees' capabilities in carrying out its fiduciary duties and responsibilities over these funds. He pointed out a Cerulli Associates Inc. financial report that came out in the newspaper Pensions & Investments, which said the retirement market throughout the United States lost $630 billion, or 11 percent, in the two years ending December 31, 2001.

Rotary Club donates $3K to NMI Scholarship Office
The Rotary Club of Saipan donated $3,000 to the CNMI Scholarship Office to benefit two college students majoring in vocational fields. Rotary Club of Saipan vocational director Agnes McPhetres and president Ed Salas presented a check to CNMI Scholarship Board Chair Roman M. Benavente in a ceremony held Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2002. The scholarship recipients are John-Paul Facey, a sophomore at the Honolulu Community College pursuing a degree in commercial aviation, and Joshu Villagomez, a sophomore at the Cuyamaca College studying auto mechanics. Each will receive $1,500 for academic year 2002-2003.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PUBLIC LAND

In accordance with Section 106 (a) and (b) of Public Law 15-2, the Department of Public Lands hereby gives notice of its intent to recommend the extension of a lease on certain public land in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. This lease extension is subject to the approval of the Northern Mariana Islands Commonwealth Legislature in accordance with the mandate set out in Article XI, § 5(c) of the Constitution of the Northern Mariana Islands. Any interested parties of the general public may submit comments, data, views, or arguments of alternative proposals for the lease of the public land. As further provided by Public Law 15-2, the following pertinent information is required to be published.

i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 025 E 01, containing an area of approximately 12,225 square meters, more or less, situated in Lower Base, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The lessee is L&T Group of Companies, Ltd., a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Willie Tan, Jerry Tan, and Glicerio Arago.

The President of the Corporation is Willie Tan. The Vice President is Jerry Tan. The Treasurer/Secretary is Glicerio Arago.

iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mr. Glicerio Arago.

iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating the business of warehousing, moving, loading and unloading and storage of property , and activities related thereto.

The term of the lease agreement extension is 15 years.

v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public lands in Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before September 27, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

I MAPROPONI NA INEKSTENSION ATKILON TÅNU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi nutisia Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lai Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tånu' Pupbliku Siha guini ha nutisia na i intension-ña na para u rekumenda i inekstendin atkilon gi sigienti na tanu' pupbliku giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha.

Esti i inekstendin atkilon masuhetu para i inaprueban i Leyislatura gi Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha sigun ni mamånda ni mapega huyung gi Attikulu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas. Maseha håyi na petsona siha gi halum i pupbliku henerât siña ha na'hålum imfetmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñon kinentra gi tinahgui na propositu siha para i atkilon tanu' pupbliku. Komu sigi mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lai Pupbliku 15-2, gi sigienti pettanesi na imfotmasion ni madimånda para u mapupblika.

i. I atkilon i lugåt madiskribi komu tanu' pupbliku Lot No. 025 E 01, kinonsisti kåsi guaha 12,225 na åria (square meters), putlumenus pat mås, ni gaigi giya Lower Base, Saipan. I kopian esti na lugåt yan i pumalu nai guaha gi Dipattamentun Tånu' Pupbliku ni para u marikunosi.

ii. I manatkikila i L & T Group of Companies, Ltd., i CNMI Corporation. I Direktot i Kuetpu siha gi Corporation si Willie Tan, Jerry Tan, yan si Glicerio Arago.

I Presidentin i Corporation si Willie Tan. I Sigundu Presidenti si Jerry Tan. I Tresureru/Sikritåriu si Glicerio Arago.

iii. I maproponin inekstendin atkilon manigosiu as Siñot Glicerio Arago.

iv. I manatkikila debi na u kuntinuha umusa i lugåt solamienti para i maneran operasion bisnis i warehousing, moving, loading yan unloading yan storage i property, yan aktibidåt siha ni uma'achuli' guihi siha.

I teman esti na kuntråta inekstendin atkilon sa' kinsi (15) åñus.

v. I kopian i kuntråtan i manmaproponi na inekstendin atkilon siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku, gaigi gi mina'sigundu(2nd) bibienda gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat gi Primet(1st) bibienda giya Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku tåya' ha risibi tinahguin propositu ni para u ma'atkila i suhetu tanu' pupbliku siha giya Lower Base, Saipan.

vii. I Sikritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku debi na u aksepta i tinigi' imfotmasion, opiñon, testamoñon kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i gai intires na petsona siha gi pat åntis di Septembre 27, 2011 gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL AKKILONUL FALÚWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil ye 106 (b) mellól Alléghúl Toulap 15-2, Bwulasiyool Ammwlil Falúweer Toulap ekke atotoowow ammataf igha ebwe akkilaaló eghús falúw mellól Seipel, Commonwealth Téél Falúwasch Marianas. Akkilon yeel nge ebwe mwir sangi alughulughul Sów Ffééról Allégh mellol Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands iye e alléghewow mellól Article XI, Tálil 5(c) mellól Allégh Lapalap Northern Mariana Islands. Schóókka eyoor máfiyeer nge rebwe ischilong aghiyghiir, awewee, aingiingil reel pomwol akkilonul ammwelil falúweer toulap mebwal Alléghúl Toulap ye 15-2, e ayoora, lamal awewee kka rebwe mweiti ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Pomwol akkilonul falúweer toulap nge ekke bwáári Lot No.025 E 01, ebwe yoor seigh me eew sangaras ruwabwughúw reweigh me limoow llapal (12, 225 square meters), elapeló me ngáre eghús, elo Lower Base, Seipél Tilighial bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyool Falúweer Toulap (Public Lands) ngáre óubwe ghuley fischiy.

ii. Schéschéél schóól akkilon nge L&T Group of Company, CNMI Corporation. Mwiischil asamwool kkey (Directors) mellól Corporation nge Willie Tan, Jerry Tan, me Glicerio Arago.

Samwoolul Corporation nge Willie Tan. Arúscheyil Samwool nge Jerry Tan.
Treasurer/Secretary nge Glicerio Arago.

iii. School aweweel akkilon yeel nge Mr. Glicerio Arago..

iv. Schóól akkilon ebwe sobwey yaal mwóghut ágheli bisinisil sokko, amwatal me atotootiw me sokkol peiragh me akkááw mwóghutul.

Tool aighúghúl pomwol akkilon nge reweigh me limoow ráágh (25 years)

v. Tilighial akkilon yeel nge emmwel óubwe bwughi mereel bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap, elo aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) me Joeten Dandan Commercial Building llol Tuturam, Seipél; aruwowal pwó (2nd floor) mellól Bank of Saipan Commercial Building, Luuta; me ngáre mmwal pwó (1st floor) mellól Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge esáál bweibwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye elo Lower Base, Seipel..

vii. Samwoolul Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap nge ebwe bwughil ischil mángemáng, aingiingil mereel amweyút mmwal Maan (September) 27, 2011 mellól Bwulasiyool Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap iye elo Seipél, Luuta, Tchúlúyól.

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i. The leased premises is described as public land Lot No. 010 B 96, containing an area of approximately 909 square meters, more or less, and Lot No. 010 B 97, containing an area of approximately 1,072 square meters, more or less, situated in San Roque, Saipan. A copy of the location of the parcel is available at the Department of Public Lands for inspection.

ii. The lessee is V & C Enterprises, Inc., a CNMI Corporation. The Board of Directors of the Corporation are Victoria B. Camacho, Cathy C. Villagomez, Claudine B. Camacho, Michelle C. Macaranas, and Neda B. Camacho.

The President of the Corporation is Victoria B. Camacho. The Vice Presidents are Cathy C. Villagomez and Claudine B. Camacho. The Treasurer is Michelle C. Macaranas. The Secretary is Neda B. Camacho.

iii. The proposed lease extension was negotiated by Mrs. Victoria B. Camacho.

iv. The lessee shall continue to use the premises solely for the purpose of operating a grocery store, coin operated laundromat, poker machine establishment, gasoline service/filling station, mini-mart, storage and facilities directly related to these activities.

The term of the lease agreement extensions is 15 years.

The proposed annual rental during the term is based on a percentage of the appraised fair market value of the properties.

v. Copies of the proposed lease extension agreements may be obtained at the office of the Department of Public Lands, located on the 2nd floor of the Joeten Dandan Commercial Building in Dandan, Saipan; Songsong Village, Rota; or the 1st floor of the Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. The Department of Public Lands has received no alternative proposals to lease the subject public lands in San Roque, Saipan.

vii. The Secretary of the Department of Public Lands shall accept written comments, views, arguments or alternative proposals from interested parties on or before September 27, 2011 at the Department of Public Lands offices located in Saipan, Rota or Tinian.

NUTISIA PUT MAPROPONIN INEKSTENDIN INATKILON TANU' PUPBLIKU

Sigun gi Seksiona 106(a) yan (b) gi Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku guini ha nå'i nutisia ni intensionña para u rekumenda i inekstenden inatkilon gi pumalu na tånu' pupbliku siha giya Saipan, Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Isla Marianas siha. Esti na inekstendin atkilon siha manmasuhetu para i inaprueban i Lehislaturan Commonwealth gi Sangkattan na Islas Marianas gi sigun ni mamånda ni mapega huyung gi Attikilu XI, § 5(c) gi Konstitusion i Sangkattan na Islas Marianas siha. Maseha håyi na pattida siha gi halum i pupbliku henerât siña ha na'hålum i imfotmasion, opiñon, pat testamoñun kinentra siha gi tinahguen propositu siha ni para i atkilon tånu' pupbliku. Sigi mås mo'na mapribeniyi ginin i Lain Pupbliku 15-2, i tinattitiyi pettanesin imfotmasion ni madimånda ni debi na u mapupblika.

i. I lugåt atkilon siha madeskribi komu tano' pupbliku Lot No. 010 B 96, kinonsisti årian kåsi guaha 909 square meters, putlumenus mås, yan i Lot No. 010 B 97, kinonsisti i åria ni kåsi guaha 1,072 square meters, mås pat menus, ni gaigi giya San Roque, Saipan. I kopian i pumalu na lugåt gaigi na gumuaha gi Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni para i rikunosimientu.

ii. I manatkikila i V & C Enterprises, Inc., i CNMI Corporation. I Kuetpun Direktot siha gi Corporation si Victoria B. Camacho, Cathy C. Villagomez, Claudine B. Camacho, Michelle C. Macaranas, yan si Neda B. Camacho.

I Presidenti gi Corporation si Victoria B. Camacho. I sigundu Presidenti si Cathy C. Villagomez yan si Claudine B. Camacho. I Tresureria si Michelle C. Macaranas. I Sekritåria si Neda B. Camacho.

iii. I maproponi na ekstension atkilon manigosiu gi as Siñora Victoria B. Camacho.

iv. I manatkikila debi na u kontinua umusa i lugåt siha uniku para i hinangai i operasion tendan grocery, coin operated laundromat, inistaplesin måkinan poker, setbisiun gasoline/filling station, mini mart, storage yan fasilidåt siha ni mana'achuli' guini na aktibidåt.

I teman i kuntråtan atkilon ha ekstendi gi 15 åñus.

I manmaproponi na åpas atkilon gi sakkan gi durântin i tema sigun gi percentage gi appraised fair market value gi propiedåt siha.

v. Kopian i manmaproponi na kontråta ekstension atkilon siha siña machuli' gi ufisinan i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha, gaigi gi segundu bibienda 2nd floor gi Joeten Dandan Commercial Building giya Dandan, Saipan; gi Songsong Village, Luta; pat i primet 1st bibienda gi Kings Commercial Building, Tinian.

vi. I Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha tåya' ha risibi tinahguin propositu siha para sinuhetun atkilon tanu' pupbliku siha giya San Roque, Saipan.

vii. I Sekritåriun i Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha debi na u aksepta i tinigi' i imfotmasion, opiñon yan testamoñun kinentra pat tinahguin propositu siha ginin i manggai interes na pattida siha gi pat åntis di Septembre 27, 2011 gi ufisinan Dipattamentun Tanu' Pupbliku siha ni gaigi Saipan, Luta, pat Tinian.

ARONGORONG REEL POMWOL EBWE SÓBWEEYLÓ AKKILON-UL FALUWEER TOULAP

Sángi Tálil 106 (a) me (b) mellól Public Law 15-2, Bwulasiyool Faluweer Toulap ekke atotoow ammataf igha e tipáli bwe ebwe tingóór extension reel akkilon mereel eghus falúweer toulap mewóól Seipél, Commonwealth Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Lease extension yeel ebwe alúghúlúghló mereel Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas Commonwealth Legislature sángi llól mandate ye e towoow mellól Article XI, § 5(c) mellól Constitution-ul Téél Falúw Kka Efáng Marianas. Reer toulap schóókka eyoor yaar mwuschel rebwe issisilong yaar mwáliili, mángemáng, aweewe me angiingil reel poomw kkaal reel akkilon-ul falúweer toulap. Me Public Law 15-2, e ayoora lamal aweewe kka e fisch ngáli milikka ebwe akkatéélo.

i. Akkilon-ul falúw yeel ekke bwáárilo bwe public land Lot No. 010 B 96, emmwel ebwe yoor tiwabwughúw tiwoow (909) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, me ebwe yoor eew Lot No. 010 B 97 sangaras fissigh me ruwoow (1,072) square meters, elapló ngáre eghus, elo San Roque, Seipél. Tiliighil bwuley yeel nge eyoor mereel Bwulasiyol Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land) bwe aubwe ghuleey fischiy.

ii. Schóól lessee nge V & C Enterprises, Inc, eew CNMI Corporation. Samwoolur Board-ul Corporation yeel nge ikka, Victoria B. Camacho, Cathy C. Villagomez, Claudine B. Camacho, Michelle C. Macaranas, me Neda B. Camacho.

President-il Corporation yeel nge Victoria B. Camacho. Vice President nge Cathy C. Villagomez me Claudine B. Camacho. Treasurer nge Michelle C. Macaranas. Secretary nge Neda B. Camacho.

iii. Schóól aweewel pomwol lease extension yeel nge Mrs. Victoria B. Camacho.

iv. Schóól lessee ebwe sóbweyló yaal yáali bwuley yeel reel mwóghutul ebwe ayoor grocery store, coin operated Laundromat, poker machine establishment, gasoline service/filling station, mini-mart, storage me facilities kka ebwe yáayá reel milikkaal.

Tool abwungubwungul extension yeel nge seigh me limwoow (15) ráágh.

Pomwol annual rental reel tool nge ebwe bweibwogh sángi percentage-il appraised fair market value reel properties.

v. Tiliighil ngáre kopiyal pomwol abwungubwungul ebwe sóbweeyló akkilon yeel emmwel ebwe bweibwogh mellól bwulasiyol Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Land), elo 2nd floor mereel Joeten Dandan Commercial Building me Dandan, Seipél; Songsong Village, Luuta; ngáre 1st floor mereel Kings Commercial Building, Tchúlúyól.

vi. Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap(Department of Public Land) esáál bweighbwogh mwo pomwol akkilon ye public lands me San Roque, Seipél.

vii. Samwoolul Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Secretary of the Department of Public Lands) ebwe bwughil iischil mángemáng, angiingi me ngáre ifa mereel pomwo kkaal sángi schóókka re tipáli, wóól me ngáre mmwal Maan (September) 27, 2011 mereel Ammwelil Falúweer Toulap (Department of Public Lands offices) kka elo Seipél, Luuta, me ngáre Tchúlúyól.

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Dakota Meyer and a grateful nation

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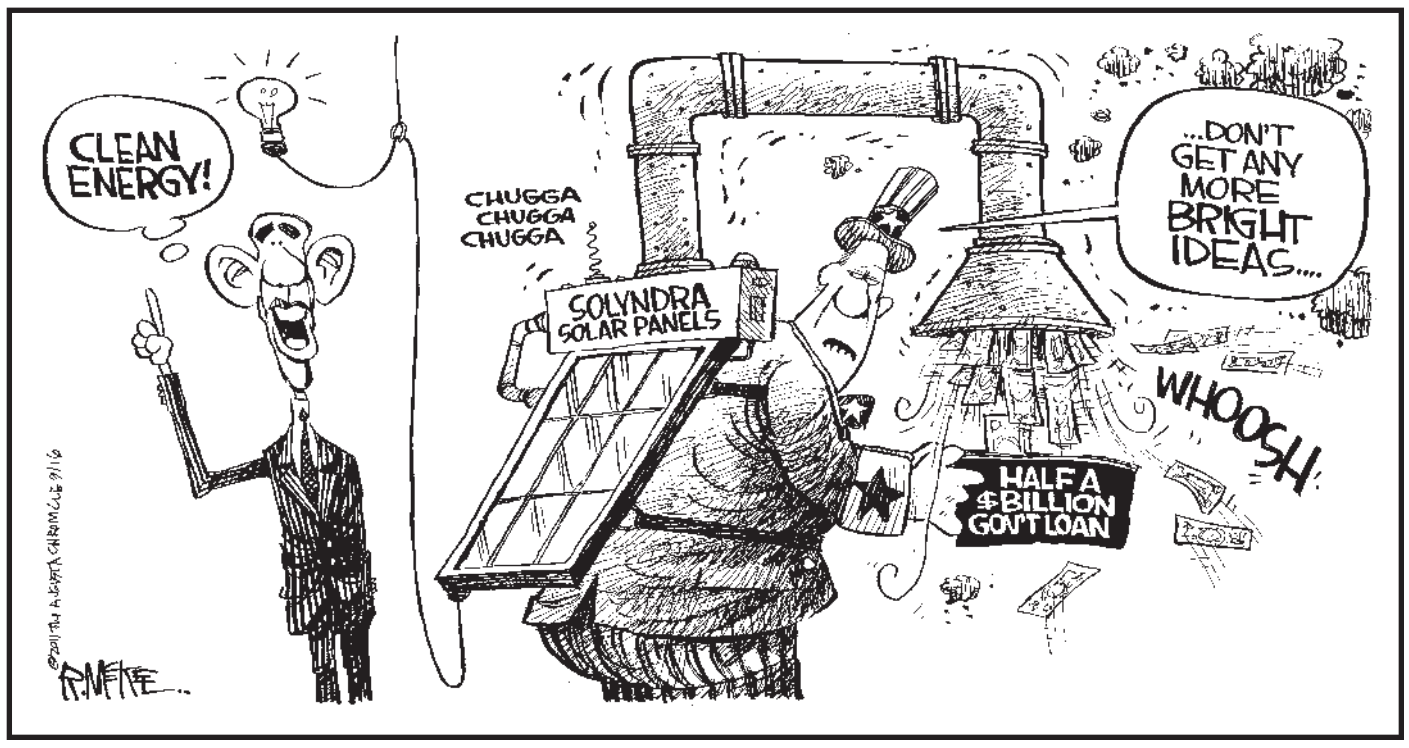
For most Americans, the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have been largely remote affairs, fought by men and women far from home, their victories and defeats in distant fields now matters of sporadic public attention. Not for Dakota Meyer, a 23-year-old who on Thursday became the first living Marine to receive the nation's highest honor, the Medal of Honor, for actions in Iraq or Afghanistan.

On Sept. 8, 2009, then-Cpl. Meyer and Staff Sgt. Juan Rodriguez-Chavez were part of a contingent of U.S. forces visiting an Afghan village to train fighters and persuade elders to support the Afghan government. It was a dangerous area, and as the meeting was underway, the village was suddenly plunged into darkness. Insurgents on the ridges above began firing on American and Afghan soldiers. Meyer was back with the trucks at that moment, but his comrades who were posted farther forward were cut off by the ambush.

Meyer

Amid gunfire so intense it "sounded like static," Meyer and Rodriguez-Chavez radioed for permission to rescue the embattled Marines and soldiers. They were denied. Defying orders, they commandeered a Humvee and, with Rodriguez-Chavez at the wheel and Meyer manning the gun, made five trips through the fire zone. For six hours, they kept up their heroic efforts, even after Meyer was wounded in the arm. All told, they brought 13 Americans and 23 Afghans to safety before, on the last foray, risking their lives yet again to recover the bodies of four fellow Marines. At Meyer's request, those four, and a fifth American killed that day, were honored Thursday with private ceremonies in their hometowns as Meyer was receiving the Medal of Honor from President Obama.

Americans remain divided on the war in Afghanistan. A Gallup poll in May, soon after the killing of Osama bin Laden, found that 51 percent of those surveyed believed the war was going well, compared with 47 percent who thought it was going badly. And yet there is no such division, nor should there be, in the public's appreciation for those who carry the great burden of this long engagement. Meyer received the Medal of Honor on behalf of his colleagues; it is tribute to him that he did so, and a reminder to all Americans that servicemen and women risk their lives every day in defense of this nation's interests. They deserve their country's undivided gratitude.



Wanted: Senior citizens to help our youth

By ANTHONY PELLEGRINO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Wanted: Senior citizens to come forth and share their wisdom and experiences with our youth. We, who have climbed mountains and crossed valleys, are needed to share our accumulated treasures with young people about to embark on their journeys. We can be a guiding force as they struggle, seeking new directions in our time of turmoil. Without your guiding hands, how can our youth build a better community? Walk with me awhile as we discuss this matter together.

Daily we complain that many of our youth have lost their direction and seek only pleasure. The closely knit family that you and I grew up in has sadly disintegrated because parents are working. And many parents are struggling just to make ends meet. As a result the young are left alone much of the time.

Dinner time seems to be a quick snack on the run. Rarely do we sit and enjoy a meal together and share our experiences. Many of our youth have not learned the dignity and value of hard work. It appears that they have become a society dependent on others doing the work for them.

As "senior citizens" we must pick up the challenge to correct this situation. I don't like to use the word retirees. It sounds so final; instead, let's use senior citizens. We, the senior citizens, must motivate our youth. We must show them how to build a better life than we have had. We must lift them on our shoulders and show them a vision of what can be. You and I have so much to share. As the Bible says: "Do not hide your light under a bushel. But let it shine forth."

Our words coming from experience and wisdom can change attitudes in our youth that seem to stifle their growth and desire to work. Sometime ago I wrote about attitudes. If we don't help them to improve their attitudes, youth will become a dependent society. We must become youths' mentors.

I am constantly surprised at how early in life some of us senior citizens age. Some of us at the sprite early age of 55 feel tired and burned out and want only to sit around and chat. What has happened to our lives that we feel so burned out? I plead with all of us not to become discouraged by any inner feelings of uselessness. If we look inside, we will find so many good things to share with youth.

When I hear about senior citizens who just sit around the house and putter in the garden killing time, I feel compassion at how miserable and empty their lives must have been all their working years to have caused this early living death. I am reminded of a saying: "Many men die at 25 but are not buried until 75." Please don't become one of them.

Instead of seeking sanctuary in a closed-in and private world, I beg all of us: do not retire from helping our youth who need our experience and knowledge. Share the treasures we have accumulated over the years. We may ask: What can I do? Where can I be useful?

For starters, go to any school and ask the principal how can we help guide students. We can perhaps read to them, Talk to them about personal experiences. Join the students at the Northern Marianas Trades Institute. They surely can use our experience. Share them with the youth.

Form a church group and encourage the youth of that parish to meet and discuss their problems, frustrations, and fears with you. Go to sports events and meet the youth while cheering on their performances. Visit the prison and sit and talk with the inmates. Share our experiences and they will share theirs with us. They need guidance.

Ladies, spend time with young women and discuss how to be good mothers. Volunteer at the battered women's shelter. These are only a few of the many things we can do. Some of us may have more ideas. Consider how we can become an important and strong influence on our youth. They need us.

Every time I meet a successful person, I see that he or she had someone in his or life that influenced and motivated them. But every time I meet an unsuccessful person, I notice the absence of such an influence. Think about this in our own personal life. Without the help of my parents and other friends, I could have easily ended as a failure in life. But somehow because of their encouragement as I was forming my life, today I feel a tremendous love of life and wish to share it.

Many of us think that we have passed the prime of our lives at 55 or even 65. We feel that our usefulness has passed. But here are several names of people who are still active and several names of people who were active and productive well into their twilight years. See how many you recognize.

A. Golda Meir was leading the modern nation of Israel at the age of 76.

B. Cornelius Vanderbilt built most of his railroads when he was well over 76.

C. Verdi wrote operas after he was 80.

D. Betty White was named America's most trusted celebrity in a Reuters/Ipsos poll at age 89.

E. Tony Bennett is still popular and singing in Las Vegas at 85.

F. Michelangelo was still sculpting masterpieces at 89 years old.

G. Warren Buffet, the world's second richest man, is still active at 80.

H. Clint Eastwood at 80 years young is still directing films.

I. Titan, a famous painter, painted his incomparable painting of the "Battle of Lepanto" and his "Last Supper" at 89 years young.

J. Art Linkletter at 97 was still touring and giving lectures.

The list is almost endless. How do these people do it and we cannot?

The above is only a handful of "old folks" who refused to wilt away and become useless. For those of you who do not know, I just turned 81 years young and have many more miles to go before I call it quits. Come join with me. Yes, we have aches and pains, but so what? Forget them! Let's share the experiences with the youth. Let's volunteer all the treasures we have gathered in our exciting life. There is so much to do and teach.

In closing I quote again from Tennyson's poem, Ulysses:

"Come, my friends, 'tis not too late to seek a newer world…
Though we are not now that strength which in old days
Moved earth and heaven; that which we are, we are;
One equal temper of heroic hearts,
Made weak by time and fate, but strong in will
To strive, to seek, to find, and not to yield."

Don't be a burned out candle to be thrown aside. Become a beacon of hope to guide our youth. Pass on the baton to a prosperous tomorrow. Our youth need you! And do it with a gigantic smile!

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Gwangbokjeol (SoKor) *Jogukhaebangui nal* (NoKor)

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The Koreas. They are my next-door neighbors now. Last month marked the double-six anniversary of the end of the Japanese colonial administration of Korea, and its partition into two political units as a result of the distance between the USSR and the United States in parceling out the spoils from Japan's fallen empire, given that FDR died shortly after Yalta and Britain's PM Churchill was on the way out after his conservatives were trounced by Atlee's Labour Party.

I am presently teaching at Shenyang Aerospace University in Liaoning Province *Dong Bei,* northeast China. It was here where Zhongguo's Qing Dynasty, the last of China's royalty, maintained the Koreas in suzerainty, and before the Meiji restoration, Tokyo was referred to as *Dong*jing, the eastern city (*Bei*jing, the northern city, and *Nan*jing, the southern city), as Hanoi was *Dong* Kinh, also an eastern city. Any conflict between N. Vietnam, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, non-Han Manchuria, Mongolia, and China is a quarrel within the same family.

The Koreas remain divided and though a huge segment of the South Korean population longs to be reunited with kin across the demilitarized zone, American military command over South Korea does not intend to end its stranglehold on the economic might of the region. Saber rattling continues to echo from the Pentagon. The latest came last week when in the middle of N. Korea's famine and the need for foreign food assistance, we deigned to raise the fear specter another notch higher as we postured over Pyongyang's alleged designs on nuclear energy and weapons of mass destruction.

This would not be so hypocritical were it not probable that the Kan's premiership after the Fukushima tsunami and nuclear radiation suffered due to his alleged slowness to respond to the catastrophe, though the record will show that Japan's Premier immediately announced deployment of national defense forces to the disaster area. It was restrained by the powerful energy lobby. The delay, according to a news weekly Japanese editor, was due to effluent coming out of one of the reactors being of weapon's grade quality that could only have been the result of a discrete refinement process going on "illegally" under the purview of a nation sworn not to develop nuclear weapons after Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Might we add that an American corporation prominently in the business of producing armaments for the Pentagon is a partner in the Fukushima facility? It is part of the cozy arrangement between the post-WWII Japanese *zaibatsu* and the military-industrial complex that President Ike warned us about. The ¥en bankrolled the mighty dollar since the Korean War, supporting its slow descent into practical devaluation (monetary adjustment in U.S. political parlance) since the U.S. feds comfortably pegged it as the global medium of exchange, profiting over the use of its currency without actual concrete production, building the phantom wealth that is now the occasion of its internal collapse.

Why should this even be of any concern to folks in the Marianas? Well, Russians east of the Urals, Japanese, Koreans and Chinese are now the clients of our fledgling visitors' industry. The historical crossroads of these ethnic groups happen to be the Manchurian plains and the Korean peninsula.

A little history. Japan prevailed over the Imperial Russian navy in the Yellow Sea in early 1900, an unthinkable feat that burst the invincible European supremacy bubble. Russia extended its trans-Siberian rail to Vladivostok but its port was only serviceable in the winter. Port Arthur (Dalian) in Manchuria was a year-round warm water port, so the Cossacks brought Byzantium to Songhuajiang in Harbin of Manchu land, the Qing dynasty's homeland. Moscow ported in Liaoning's warm water access to the Pacific until Japan and its favoring *kamikaze* triumphed over the Russian bear.

The Qing forbade the Hans south of the Great Wall from migrating to Manchuria, kept Korea a suzerain nation since the *Jeoson* Dynasty was in Jilin and Heilongjiang. Taking advantage of the weakened Qing in the Opium War against England and France, Japan took over Korea and the Qing ceded Formosa to sweeten the peace pot. Manchuria is north outside of China's Great Wall so Japan treated it as a destination of its migrant population in the same way as the French treated Algeria down to Cote d'Ivoire in North Africa as fair game domain. Japan flexed its imperial muscles into a co-prosperity sphere in Asia.

We are establishing a historical perspective that says whatever quarrels abide between Japan, Korea, non-Han Manchuria and Nei Monggu, Tibet, Vietnam and Taiwan is a family affair. U.S. intrusion into Vietnam's side of the South China Sea issue and SoKor in the Yellow Sea, not to mention our much heralded defense of Japan against Chinese aggression, the egging of Philippine nationalism v. China, our needling Xizang's (Tibet) sovereignty and the militarization of Micronesia, serves imperial U.S. foreign policy interest first, along with the health of our military-industrial complex that pretty much run our homeland security focus and reluctantly revealed the rare earth mineral deposits in Afghanistan. Isn't it time to give up on our imperial pretensions?

Fear, drummed up post-9/11, is our American export into the pocketbook and culture of the global economy, demonizing Saddam in our oil grab and chasing Gaddafi out of his golden caftans, along with isolating Kim Jong-Il (one-fourth of Korea is named Kim—Jin in Chinese—and we still don't get it). From our Marianas view, it is better to view Russia and the U.S. as children of Europe vying on who takes care of Mama, and let the China-India yin-yang continue its familial interaction with the rest of Central and East Asia, and the Pacific.

Which brings us back to the Koreas. After 66 years, shouldn't we let G.I. Joe leave *Arirang* alone and see if the Kims and the Paks, Chong and Kangs, can find the pivot point of their yin-yang? The CNMI might be better off in the process if we discover our interest lies in the ¥en, the ¥uan, and the won, as much as the ruble and the dollar.

Meanwhile, a belated *Gwangbokjeol*/*Jogukhaebangui nal!*

Maletken dichu asuntun Fondu

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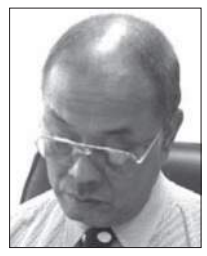

Sige hit man-liliku' gi oriyan kareta. Todus mañasauna gi inaligau yabi. Lau hagas gaige i yabi gi sagaña. De dios mihu na rimulinon inkabukau che'chu' patgon!

I sustansian i husasañgan pot maletken haye gai diskuidu na mañogñug i programan man-ritirau 'sino Fondu.

Ha apunta kabales i administradot i Fondu as Señor Richard Villagomez na pot megai sakan man-malofan ya ti man-apase administrasion ni obligasioña ni mafanana'an "employer's contribution". Mama' hogsu' Puerto Rico Dump este na diskuidu. Esta kahulu' gi $300 miyon pesus i dibin gobietnu.

Inipos na checu' tramposu para umafa' segni (blame) i nuebu na lai ni munana'lu direchon man-ritirau mañgeha gi kotte. Yangin un' isague maseha haye, siempre un' kineni' haom gi kotte para u reskata direchoña. Ha danche buena si Señor Villagomez i fino'ña lau sessu maletkie lokue' i asuntu pot mina'añau.

Lau kumu kada dia mañañgon i gobietnu na u tutuhon man-apase sa' guaha katsun satton na apas dibi maseha adumiddidi'.

Yangin kontodu i administradot yan board para u makontra direchon man-rirtirau mañgeha gi kotte, pues klaru este na sentimentu na taigue interes niha gi linala' man-ritirau soluke para u mapetsige mana' atog i administrasion ginen obligasioña. Este na maña klaru na debi todus umaresigna siha ginen Fondu kontodu i board. Kuantos tiempu mas para 'in umarastra i hinagoñg man-ritirau?

Guaha lokue' tumatitiye este na malabida: Guaha un' aktu ma-introduse para umapega apas obligasion gi apaga' man-ritirau. Era, para u mahatsa mas apas ginen i membru para hita ta apasiye i administrasion ni hagas ha fatañgaye na obliglasioña. Tailaye na pinetsige ya siempre bai'n ina mas este na prinipone ya bai'n na' para sa' sage'!

Guaha minapotña in' pega klaru haye umesague i Fondu? Na ti magahet na i administrasion i ti umapase kuentaña na sumen bahu pagu in Fondu? Makat in' sañgan yan inna' oppan i minagahet?

Haf' posision i board gi mapropopone na hatsadan apas 'nai i membro para u inapase dibin administrasion talu? Fan gai mamahlau! Mampos man-trampusau hamyu gi asuntun man-ritirau. Este buente na in'fa' segni i nuebu na lai sa' taya' esta otru lehitimu na asuntu 'nai siña tehni i mueye' na te'lañg miyu.

Otru asuntu siha

Mampos kadada' attensionta. Ti mauleg este na señat sa' seriosu na chetnot i hamalefa yan kadada' attension-mu.

Pot ihemplo: Ma-apprueba lai 'nai ma-establese komission para ta ta'lun bumesita i relasionta yan America. Kulan mohon dañkulu na linache guaha yan federat. Lau i dichu finatsu gaige giya hita mismu.

Ni programan Fondun man-ritirau ti siña ta satba ya para ta atrebi hit umatan mismu finatsotta? I puntu: Gaige lamayot patte gi chatdisision siha gi manera 'nai ta dispopone asuntun linahyan. I kontratan i Covenant petmanente. Todu atkilon tanu deste Tinian, Mendenilla yan otru lugat, ti siña tatulaika sa' gai tiempu ennau na patte estake para u siña mata'lon manegosiu.

Gaige problema giya hita mismu. Ti komprendiyon haf' manlistu hit sumogne i federat ni linachita siha. Un' ratutu ha' ta sodae' defektu i malabidata mismu. Lau mattu gi man-ñaba' hit umatmite linachita. Guaha merituña i asuntu lau sotta ya i man-edukau na famaguonta u pinetsige gi halom 20 años na tiempu.

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Estaba un' papet gi ligan unu gi hagahu ni ilelegña, "Ta prepapara futtunata ginen guinifita pagu". Sigeyu' chumaleg tuyan sa' para todu i gaseta pot maribahan pottanmonedan Marianas, dudayu' kau guaha kampon man-guife 'nai kohu i kaha. Maletken asuntu, huñgan!

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Este politikan dikiki' na isla guaha 'nai inipus fotte huegon niha. Era mafaisen un' amku' para u bendise i lamasa antes de umatutuhon i kombate guihe na pueñge. Todu mauleg tinayuyotña estake mattu gi uttimu 'nai ilegña, "Ya unna' fan mapede todus ayu siha i mangaige gi otru banda!" A` Saina!

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Mamaisen si Magoo hafa ayu i masasañgan Sugar Daddy? Guiya este i nuebu na modun che'chu konkabidu 'nai i famalaoan ha ayeg un' balaku ni mikeble. Ha atuñgu'e ya ma-madulog kañgrena. Dispues manae' salape'ña $100 pot setbisioña. Matman pues ilegña, "Saña pitu si Yuus".

Letter to the Editor

Wrong questions

It seems that the Northern Mariana Housing Corp. is asking the wrong question about the Liyo properties on Rota. What I thought important would be for the lone member of the board of the NMHC who is inquiring about the situation to probe into how that project was conceived when it was under review and assimilated at the drawing board of the time.

The user of these properties today are not the cause of why the dwellings are empty or have some unusual stigma living in these houses. The cause of the problems must be traced or backtracked in order to understand how it was put together and including logical data and justification to ensure the future use of these dwellings.

So, what did the planners and supposedly experts in NMHC or its predecessor saw at the time? Is this a case of the "predictably unpredictable" situation that most would fall back when things do not fit well to plans that played in building structures? And, this is not an isolated case either; just look at the huge gymnasiums on Tinian and Rota that hardly a soul uses and they are deteriorating so badly we could not even keep pace with simple preventive maintenance for these buildings and its fixtures.

Then we have this huge multimillion housing project in Chalan Pio under the watchful participation of NMHC that seems to be a foregone conclusion. Historically, the public has placed blind faith on the bureaucrats and on government involvement like this. I think it is time that NMHC put out a full disclosure of this project so that we could see what this project is all about. It would be too late to be asking "would have," "should have," "could have" questions 15 or 20 years later.

I don't blame the neighboring property owners' concern and they too should be included as integral players just in case the CNMI government decides to impose a tax on real properties in the future, hence, these property owners should know the consequences of predictable future events that may be so elusive today, but nonetheless something to think of for a change.

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Chalan Kanoa, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds around 10 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲84	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼78
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲86	▼77
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲81	▼76
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲85	▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲89	▼76
Majuro	Rain	▲86	▼76

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲60	▼53
Beijing	Sunny	▲77	▼53
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼78
Honolulu	Sunny	▲86	▼76
London	Mostly Cloudy	▲61	▼51
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲82	▼63
Manila	Thundershowers	▲84	▼77
Melbourne	Showers	▲65	▼50
Miami	Thundershowers	▲86	▼77
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲69	▼58
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲78	▼72
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼52
Pusan	Showers	▲74	▼66
Rome	Showers	▲74	▼57
Salem	Mostly Cloudy	▲75	▼54
San Francisco	Sunny	▲73	▼59
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲74	▼59
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲77	▼72
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲74	▼63

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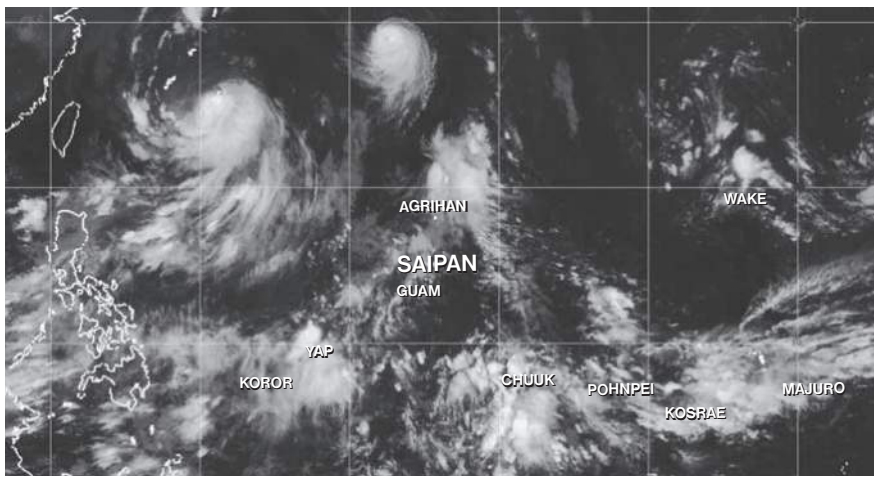

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Tropical Storm Roke (18W) is centered about 170 miles southeast of Okinawa at 25N130E. Roke is drifting east-southeast at 5 mph with maximum sustained winds of 70 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are present near the center at the northwestern corner of the discussion area or north of a line from 20N130E to 24N135E. Converging southwest winds south of Roke are producing scattered showers and few thunderstorms well northwest of Koror or west of a line from 14N132E to 18N132E. For more information on Tropical Storm Roke, refer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN31 PGTW. Typhoon Sonca (19W) is centered about 200 miles east-northeast of Iwo To island at 27N144E. Sonca is moving northwest at 20 mph with maximum sustained winds of 75 mph. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are located within 90 miles of the center. For more information on Typhoon Sonca, fefer to bulletins issued by the Joint Typhoon Warning Center under WMO header WTPN32 PGTW. Typhoon Sonca through a low-level circulation centered south of Yap at 5N138E to end at EQ135E. Numerous showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just west of the circulation over Koror and Yap within 115 miles of a line from 7N133E to 11N138E. Scattered showers are seen in the vicinity of the circulation or south of a line from 3N132E to 5N140E. Isolated thunderstorms are evident near the trough just west of Guam between 10N and 16N from 139E to 143E. Converging southeast winds east of the circulation and trough are creating scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms between Yap and Chuuk within 150 miles of a line from EQ143E to 5N145E to 8N150E and also over the Marianas between 11N and 22N from 143E to 150E. Converging trade winds are coupling with upper-level divergence to trigger scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over Pohnpei, Kosrae and the Marshall Islands within 240 miles of a line from 2N151E to 8N168E to 8N180 and also over Chuuk between 7N and 12N from 150E to 155E. An upper-level low is centered northeast of Wake Island at 22N173E. Isolated thunderstorms are occurring near this feature north of a line from 18N168E to 16N180.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

5:50 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
12:50 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
6:00 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.2 Feet
11:02 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Tuesday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM
Wednesday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:14 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:13 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:51 PM	11:19 AM
Tuesday	11:43 PM	12:11 PM
Wednesday		1:02 PM
Thursday	12:38 AM	1:51 PM
Friday	1:34 AM	2:40 PM

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				**ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)**			
C09314	2:20am	2:50am	1, 5	C09315	5:30am	6:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				**ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)**			
C09315	4:25am	5:00am	1, 5	C09314	3:20am	3:55am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				**GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN**			
C09317	4:25am	5:15am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	C09314	2:20am	3:55am	1, 5 via ROP
C09315	4:25am	6:00am	1, 5 via ROP	C09316	2:45am	3:35am	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
C09313	7:55am	8:45am	3, 6	5K387	6:30am	7:20am	3, 4, 7
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09596	6:35am	7:25am	3, 6
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7	C09596	7:00am	7:50am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7	C09600	10:05am	10:55am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
5K386	5:50pm	6:40pm	4	C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily	C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily	C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)				**NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN**			
5K212	8:20am	10:55am	1, 3, 4, 5, 7	5K213	11:55am	4:25pm	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)				**OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN**			
0Z119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily	0Z120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				**NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN**			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:15pm	Daily	DL288	8:05pm	12:45am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				**SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN**			
0Z606	2:20am	6:00am	1	0Z603	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
0Z606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	0Z120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
0Z119	4:00am	11:25am	Daily via KIX	0Z605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
0Z604	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7	0Z605	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)				**GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN**			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				**SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN**			
3U8648	6:05am	8:30am	1, 5	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	4, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				**MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN**			
0Z606/701	2:20am	11:15am	1 via ICN	0Z704/603	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
0Z606/701	2:50am	11:15am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	DL172/288	7:45am	12:35am+1	Daily via NRT
C09317/191	4:25am	9:45am	3, 6 via GUM	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
DL287/173	6:05am	9:55pm	Daily via NRT	0Z702/605	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
C09313/183	7:55am	8:40pm	3, 6 via GUM	C0190/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	3, 6 via GUM
C09603/183	3:05pm	8:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 7 via GUM	C0192/9596	9:55pm	7:25am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09603/193	3:05pm	10:10pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	C0184/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
C09599/PR111	9:30pm	7:50am	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	C0184/9596	11:25pm	7:50am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:25am	5, via GUM
				PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am	1, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				**HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN**			
0Z606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN	0Z724/603	12:30am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
0Z606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	0Z750/603	1:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6 via ICN
C09603/179	3:05pm	9:25pm	1, 5 via GUM	0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
0Z604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	7 via ICN	0Z722/605	1:25pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
				C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:25am+1	5 via GUM
				C0180/9596	10:30pm	7:50am+1	1 via GUM

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FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

'Tinian center's expenses not justified with supporting docs'

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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REPORTER

Department of Public Health Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said that no payments have been made yet to any vendors of the Tinian Health Center due to "unjustified expenses."

Villagomez confirmed this Friday, saying that requests for payments have already been submitted to the Finance Department but the central government has not acted on these requests due to "undocumented and unjustified expenses" turned in by Tinian health officials.

Tinian Mayor Ramon Dela Cruz earlier said that THC had sent the Finance Department a request to pay THC vendors and midlevel providers some $200,000. Of that amount, about $70,000 is payment for physician assistant William Weiss and midlevel provider John Pangelinan, representing months of unpaid compensation for their services.

"We're more than willing to assist and work with THC. However, there are some issues with regards to documents. If I ask the secretary of Finance to pay for something, I have to have justifications and invoices that these are indeed spent. I cannot just send a piece of bill to pay extra amount for Tinian center if I don't have supporting documents," Villagomez told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that he has already asked THC officials to provide the supporting documents.

Villagomez was seen last week meeting with Tinian Sen. Francisco Q. Cruz. The lawmaker later told *Saipan Tribune* that their meeting focused on health center issues, particularly the unpaid obligation to vendors.

Villgomez separately said that he informed the lawmaker about the need for supporting documents and he was assured that the senator will follow up this matter with Tinian officials.

Dela Cruz is counting on the $1.7 million that was earlier reprogrammed by the administration for CHC as result of the emergency declaration on July 21.

Villagomez could not immediately say if the $70,000 unpaid obligation to midlevel providers is considered a "priority" for the reprogrammed funds. Midlevel providers have no contracts and only serve the center on an on-call basis or during emergencies.

He reiterated, though, that "whatever obligation is to be paid has to be accompanied by the proper documents and nothing will be paid unless those expenses are justified."

He admitted that even at CHC, not all vendors have been paid in full because of the limited funds available. However, he said that by properly identifying which should come first based on priority needs, the hospital is moving forward.

Come Oct. 1, DPH will become the Commonwealth Health Corp., a self-sustaining entity that will cover the Saipan hospital and the Tinian and Rota health clinics.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Public Safety Commissioner Ray Mafnas join law enforcement officers for a group photo after Inos signed a proclamation on Friday morning declaring Sept. 18 to 24 "Child Passenger Safety Week" and Sept. 24 "CNMI Seat Check Saturday."

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Air Force, Navy to conduct training on FDM, Warning Area-517

SANTA RITA, Guam—The Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Mendinilla on the following dates and times:

- Sept. 19, from 10am to 7pm
- Sept. 21-22, from 5:30am to 9pm
- Sept. 23, from 11am to 9pm

The Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on Sept. 20-21, from 8:30am to 4:30pm.

The general public, especially fisherman, commercial pilots and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10-nautical mile radius on all quadrants.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. ***(PR)***

Next stop for dog tag registration is Kagman

The next dog tag registration will be from Sept. 19 to Sept. 30 in Kagman. Registration will start at 9am and end at 4pm. ***(PR)***

Marriage Encounter Weekend coming up

Help turn a good marriage into a great one through a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend! The CNMI's next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held on Oct. 14-16, 2011, at the Aqua Resort Saipan. Cost is $50 per couple.

For further information or a registration form, contact any of the below listed individuals:

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Veterans outreach in September

Tina San Agustin, the Department of Veterans Affairs' legal administrative specialist for Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, will be on Saipan on Sept. 28-29, 2011, for a Veterans Outreach on veterans' federal benefits. She will be also entertaining questions and assisting veterans and all concerned with their claims.

Agustin will be stationed at the Military and Veterans Affairs Office on Capitol Hill, building 1364, Saipan, from 8:30am to 4:30pm on both days.

For those who wish to make an appointment or for further information, contact Bernie B. Dela Cruz at the Office of Military and Veterans Affairs at 664-2650. ***(PR)***

USCIS sets immigration training sessions in NMI

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security's U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services will be holding a series of public sessions in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands from Sept. 20 through Sept. 29.

USCIS officials will be on hand to provide an overview of the newly published CW Transitional Worker Final Rule and other immigration classifications available under the Immigration and Nationality Act. It will also be an opportunity for attendees to ask questions of USCIS subject matter experts.

PUBLIC SESSIONS

The following training sessions will each last about two hours. They are free and open to the public.

SAIPAN

- **Wednesday, Sept 21** (5pm - 7pm) American Memorial Park Indoor Auditorium, Garapan
- **Thursday, Sept 22** (5pm - 8pm) Information table at Thursday Night Market, Garapan
- **Friday, Sept 23** (6pm - 8pm) American Memorial Park Outdoor Auditorium, Garapan
- **Saturday, Sept 24** (10am – noon) Multipurpose Center, Susupe
- **Monday, Sept 26** (5pm - 7pm) American Memorial Park Indoor Auditorium, Garapan
- **Tuesday, Sept 27** (2pm - 4pm) American Memorial Park Indoor Auditorium, Garapan
- **Wednesday, Sept 28** (9am - 11am) American Memorial Park Indoor Auditorium, Garapan
- **Wednesday, Sept 28** (6pm - 8pm) Multipurpose Center, Susupe
- **Thursday, Sept 29** (5pm - 8pm) Information table at Thursday Night Market, Garapan

ROTA

- **Monday, Sept 26** (6pm - 8pm) Rota Roundhouse

TINIAN

- **Tuesday, Sept 27** (6pm - 8pm) Dynasty Hotel and Casino - Dynasty Ballroom

EMPLOYER SESSIONS

The team will also conduct 2 sessions open to all employers:

- Saipan–American Memorial Park Indoor Auditorium, Garapan

Tuesday, Sept 20 / 2pm - 4pm / Session for employers only

- Rota–Mayor's Conference Room

Monday, Sept 26 / 2pm - 4pm / Session for Employers only

The outreach team will also meet with many groups in the CNMI that have requested sessions. For those unable to attend a training session, materials will be available at the USCIS office in Garapan to explain the new rules. You can also visit the USCIS website for the latest news and information at www.uscis.gov/cnmi and www.uscis.gov/cw. ***(DHS)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS

Happy birthday Paul DLG Reyes! May the Lord continue to guide and bless you with many more happy years. Much love from your boys, wife, Mama Chong, and your families and friends.
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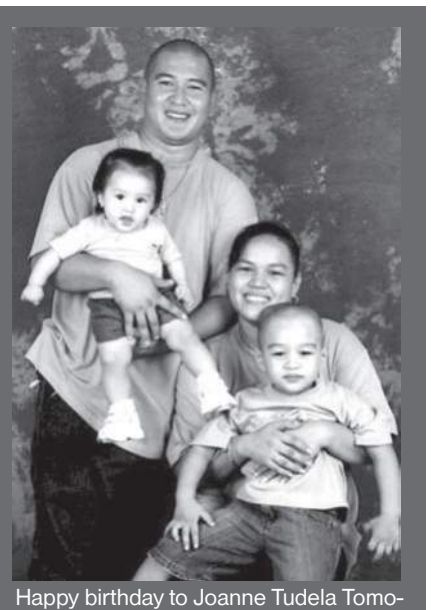

Happy birthday to Joanne Tudela Tomokane, who is celebrating her special day today, Sept. 19. Enjoy your special day! Sending you lots of love from Bamberg, Germany! Greetings come from Esah Tomokane and family.
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Chinese Cultural Night entrances with show, demos

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Chinese Association of Saipan featured one of the world's most ancient cultures with the Chinese Culture Night held Thursday at the Paseo de Marianas, showcasing China's culture and art through dance, music, and food.

The event attracted hundreds of spectators, who were captivated by the grace and skill of the evening's roster of performers that included local and Beijing talents.

"China is a very, very old country and civilization and it has a lot to share with everyone," said Chinese Association of Saipan president Jerry Tan as the program kicked off with the traditional lion dance, believed to ward off evil and bring good luck.

Thursday night's presentation included a song number from 4- to 10-year-old students of the Chinese Education Center, violin performances by the talents of the Do Re Mi School of Music, a fan dance by Brilliant Star Montessori School's Mae Demapan, rainbow dance by Chinese teachers, Tai Chi demonstration, noodle making demonstration by Wang Jing Jing, and traditional Chinese instrument presentation by Teng Li Tong and Rose Chan.

The crowd was in raptures when the "Biàn Lian" or "Face-Changing" performers from Beijing took center stage, entertaining the crowd with their vibrant, colorful masks that changed swiftly several times during their act. Another attraction was the "Gong Fu Chá" show based on the tea preparation.

"Saipan is very lucky to have the chance to watch the face changing show, which doesn't come too easily even in China and other parts of the world," Chinese Association's Rose Chan told *Saipan Tribune*. "It was so beautiful and nice and we're very glad that everybody enjoyed it."

The cultural celebration also featured various booths that put

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"Biàn Lian" or face-changing performers in their brightly colored outfits.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

Chinese Association of Saipan president Jerry Tan gestures as he welcomed the spectators that filled Paseo de Marianas last Thursday to participate in the Chinese Culture Night event.
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Female students from the Chinese Education Center conclude their dance presentation.
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Students from Chinese Education Center sing during their performance.
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Hundreds of community members enjoy the performances.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

The Paseo de Marianas is packed with people, all eager to watch the night's performances.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

A male performer demonstrates "Gong Fu Chá," a thrilling show based on the tea preparation.
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Brilliant Star Montessori's Mae Demapan performs a fan dance.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

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on display remarkable Chinese artworks from board member Anna Chan's collection. Tasty dimsum from Canton Restaurant, Gourmet Restaurant, Diamond Restaurant, and Oriental Dumpling House were also made available for just $1 per order.

"I would like to give special recognition to the team that has worked for the last couple of months in putting the event together," said Tan as he thanked members of the Chinese Association of Saipan and the staff of the Tan Siu Lin Foundation.

Chinese teachers from Saipan prepare for their rainbow dance number.
CLARISSA V. DAVID

A male Chinese performs a Tai Chi demonstration.

A face changer mingles with the crowd.
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Wang Jing Jing demonstrates the art of noodle making.
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Teng Li Tong is seen playing a traditional Chinese instrument.
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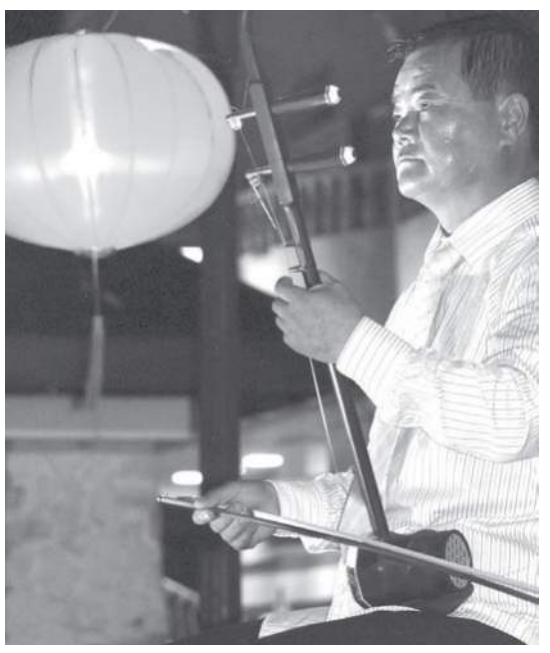

Rose Chan plays gu jang, a traditional Chinese instrument.
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Business

Obama eyes new tax rate for rich

By JIM KUHNHENN
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama is expected to seek a new base tax rate for the wealthy to ensure that millionaires pay at least at the same percentage as middle income taxpayers.

Obama

A White House official said the proposal would be included in the president's proposal for long term deficit reduction that he will announce Monday. The official spoke anonymously because the plan has not been officially announced.

Obama is going to call it the "Buffett Rule" for Warren Buffett, the billionaire investor who has complained that rich people like him pay a smaller share of their income in federal taxes than middle-class taxpayers.

Buffett wrote in a *New York Times* op-ed piece last month that he and his rich friends "have been coddled long enough by a billionaire-friendly Congress."

The measure would be in addition to $447 billion in new tax revenue that Obama is seeking to pay for his short-term spending and tax cutting plan to jump start the economy.

House Speaker John Boehner said Thursday he would oppose tax increases to reduce the deficit. Boehner has urged Congress' deficit "supercommittee" to lay the groundwork for a broad overhaul of the U.S. tax code.

The panel has almost unlimited authority to recommend changes in federal spending and taxes and is working against a deadline of Nov. 23.

Boehner said the panel has "only one option, spending cuts and entitlement reforms," a reference to government benefit programs such as Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

Any broad compromise that clears the bipartisan committee is almost certain to require Democratic agreement to savings from programs such as Social Security and Medicare, along with Republican acquiescence to additional revenues, although any such trade-offs are rarely discussed openly until the last possible moment in negotiations.

Obama's new tax proposal was first reported by the *New York Times*.

UBS trading losses fuel push for split banking

LONDON (AP)—Would you trust UBS with your money now?

As regulators join the Swiss bank in scrambling to figure out how a single suspect could have racked up as much as $2 billion worth of rotten bets over three years, analysts and politicians say the catastrophic losses reinforce the case for divorcing retail banks from their investment arms.

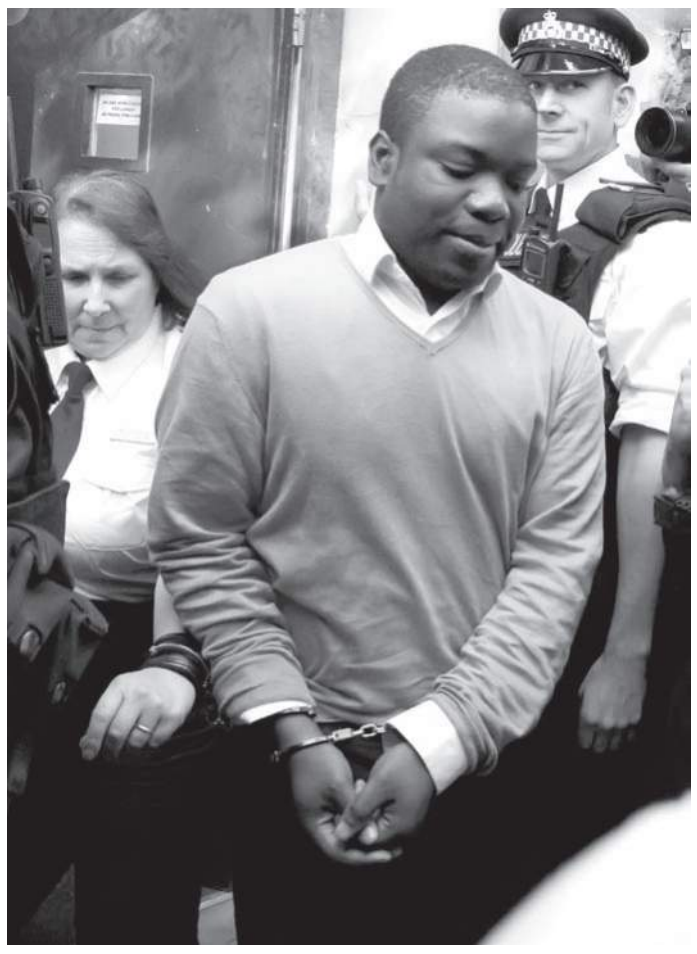
In Britain, plans to separate—or "ring fence"—the everyday banking familiar to most people such as deposits, mortgages, and loans from the complex and potentially dangerous investment trading have been on the cards for months.

The plans were approved by a government-appointed commission a few days ago, and backers of the ring-fencing idea say that, in a way, the arrest of 31-year-old trader Kweku Adoboli on charges of fraud and false accounting could not have come at a better time.

British Treasury chief George Osborne told Britain's Sky News television that the "shocking case" uncovered at the Swiss bank was as strong an argument as any for following the recommendations made by the commission, chaired by John Vickers, a former chief economist of the Bank of England.

"If you ever wanted a better example of why the kinds of ideas that John Vickers was putting forward were right for Britain, look at what happened at UBS just a few days later," Osborne told the broadcaster.

Vickers' 363-page report argued that Britain's retail banks should be split off by 2019 to reduce the risks of taxpayers having to bear the cost of any future bailouts, saying that "the risks inevitably associated with banking have to sit somewhere, and it should not be with taxpayers."


AP
Alleged renegade UBS trader Kweku Adoboli, center, walks to a security van flanked by police officers after appearing at the City of London Magistrates Court in London, Friday, Sept. 16, 2011.

The commission recommended that retail banks should be "legally, economically and operationally separate" from the parent companies, and should have "distinct governance arrangements, and should have different cultures."

The report got a mixed reception earlier this week before Adoboli's arrest. Some welcomed the report as a way of insulating the bailout-weary public from high-risk financial maneuvers derided as "casino banking." But the British Bankers' Association, the industry's main lobby group, sounded a cautious note, saying the planned reforms "need to be carefully analyzed and compared with those agreed internationally."

Ian Gordon, an analyst at Evolution Securities, spoke for others in the finance community when he dismissed the recommendations as "unwelcome and unhelpful."

But opposition to Vickers' plan is likely to be tougher now, analysts say, particularly if it is confirmed that Adoboli gambled away $2 billion without UBS even realizing the money was gone.

Nation

Deaths in Reno air crash rise to 9

By KEN RITTER and DON THOMPSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

RENO, Nev. (AP)—The death toll rose to nine Saturday in an air race crash in Reno as investigators determined that several spectators were killed on impact as the 1940s-model plane appeared to lose a piece of its tail before slamming like a missile into a crowded tarmac.

Moments earlier, thousands had arched their necks skyward and watched the planes speed by just a few hundred feet off the ground before some noticed a strange gurgling engine noise from above. Seconds later, the P-51 Mustang dubbed The Galloping Ghost pitched oddly upward, twirled and took an immediate nosedive into a section of white VIP box seats.

The plane, flown by a 74-year-old veteran racer and Hollywood stunt pilot, disintegrated in a ball of dust, debris and bodies as screams of "Oh my God!" spread through the crowd.

National Transportation Safety Board officials were on the scene Saturday to determine what caused Jimmy Leeward to lose control of the plane, and they were looking at amateur video clips that appeared to show a small piece of the aircraft falling to the ground before the crash. Witnesses who looked at photos of the part said it appeared to be an "elevator trim tab," which helps pilots keep control of the aircraft.

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Reno police also provided a GPS mapping system to help investigators recreate the crash scene.

"Pictures and video appear to show a piece of the plane was coming off," NTSB spokesman Mark Rosekind said at a news conference. "A component has been recovered. We have not identified the component or if it even came from the airplane ... We are going to focus on that."

Investigators said they also recovered part of the tail section, where the tab is located.

A tour near the site offered to journalists Saturday evening revealed debris spread in a fan-shape over more than an acre around a crater roughly 3 feet deep and as much as 8 feet across. Based on the crater's location, it appears the P-51 Mustang went straight down in the first few rows of VIP box seats, or about 65 feet in front of the leading edge of the grandstand.

Yellow crime tape surrounded the scene and spectator seats remained askew.

Among the dead were the pilot and eight spectators. Officials said 69 people were treated at hospitals, including 36 who have been released and 31 who remain there. Nine were in critical condition late Saturday.

One of the victims was identified Saturday as 22-year-old Michael Wogan of Phoenix, who was in a wheelchair in the VIP section when the plane crashed, the Arizona Republic reported.

Post-WWII plane pilot dies in W.Va. air show crash

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (AP)—The pilot of a post-World War II plane died Saturday after crashing into a runway and bursting into flames, the second deadly air show crash in 24 hours.

The West Virginia Air National Guard said that no spectators were injured and that the crash site was far away from anyone at the show. Still, air show officials posted a notice on their website encouraging those who witnessed the crash to seek support if they felt viewing it had been traumatic.

The crash occurred a day after a stunt pilot crashed at a Nevada air show Friday, killing nine.

"We were fortunate that the safety measures put in place by the Federal Aviation Administration ensured the safety of those on the ground," Maj. Gen. James Hoyer, adjutant general of the West Virginia National Guard, said in a statement. "Right now our thoughts and prayers are with the family members of the deceased."

Officials have not released the pilot's name. The fixed-wing, single-engine T-28 plane is registered to John Mangan of Concord, N.C., and was built in 1958, according to a Federal Aviation Administration registry.

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A single engine T-28 from the six-plane Trojan Horsemen Demonstration Flight Team crashes and explodes during a performance at the Thunder Over the Blue Ridge Open House and Air Show, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011 at the 167th Airlift Wing in Martinsburg, W.Va.

The Journal of Martinsburg reports the aircraft lost control during a six-plane stunt formation and then crashed on a runway near hangers at the airfield, causing thousands at the show to cry, hug and pray afterward.

The plane was part of the T-28 Warbird Aerobatic Formation Demonstration Team, which performs at air shows around the country.

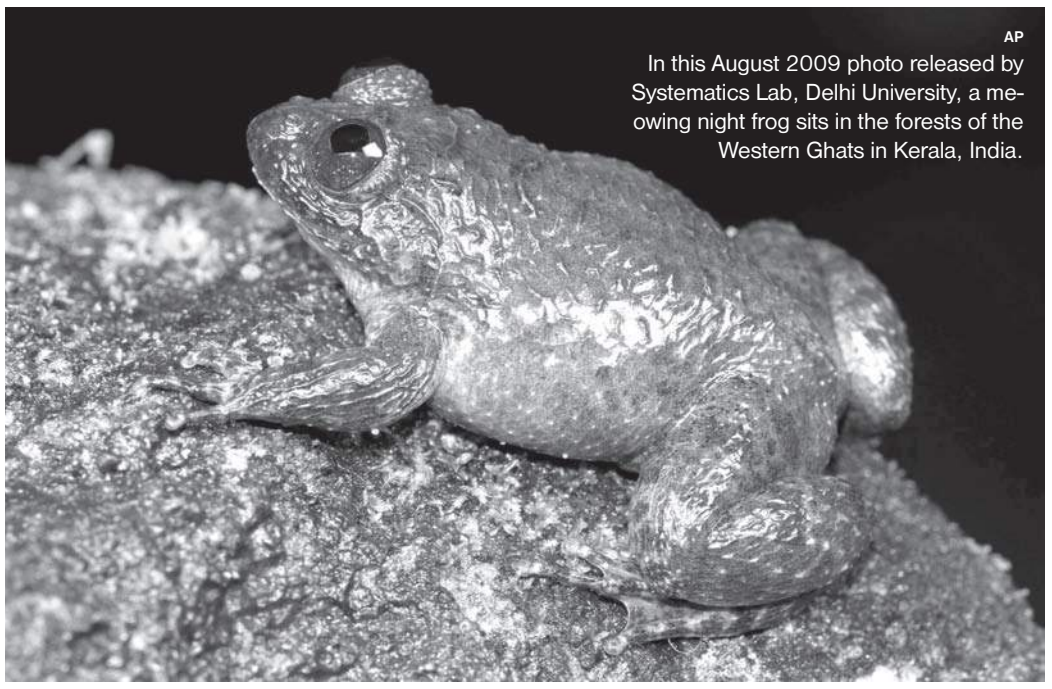
The team is known as the Trojan Horsemen and its website says Jack "Flash" Mangan is part of the alternate wing. His biography on the site says he is a former Air Force fighter pilot who won three Meritorious Service Medals and Tactical Air Command's Instructor Pilot of the Year.

A message left at Mangan's North Carolina home was not immediately returned on Saturday.

According to The Boeing Co.'s website, the North American T-28 Trojan was a basic trainer that was used by the U.S Navy, including for carrier operation. Its first flight was in 1949 and it was designed to transition pilots to jet aircraft.

Asia

12 new frog species found in India



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In this August 2009 photo released by Systematics Lab, Delhi University, a meowing night frog sits in the forests of the Western Ghats in Kerala, India.

NEW DELHI (AP)—Years of combing tropical mountain forests, shining flashlights under rocks and listening for croaks in the night have paid off for a team of Indian scientists that has discovered 12 new frog species plus three others thought to have been extinct.

It's a find the team hopes will bring attention to India's amphibians and their role in gauging the health of the environment.

Worldwide, 32 percent of the world's known amphibian species are threatened with extinction, largely because of habitat loss or pollution, according to the group Global Wildlife Conservation.

"Frogs are extremely important indicators not just of climate change, but also pollutants in the environment," said the project's lead scientist, biologist Sathyabhama Das Biju of the University of Delhi.

Many of the newly found frogs in India are rare and are living in just a single area, so they will need rigorous habitat protection, Biju told The Associated Press on Saturday. "Unfortunately in India, conservation has basically focused on the two most charismatic animals—the elephant and the tiger. For amphibians there is little interest, little funding, and frog research is not easy."

Night frogs are extremely hard to find, coming out only at dark and during the monsoon season, living either in fast-flowing streams or on moist forest ground.

Biju said he and his student researchers had to sit in dark, damp forests listening for frog sounds and shining flashlights under rocks and across riverbeds. They confirmed the new species by description as well as genetics.

The 12 new species include the meowing night frog, whose croak sounds more like a cat's call, the jog night frog, unique in that both the males and females watch over the eggs, and the Wayanad night frog, which grows to about the size of a baseball or cricket ball. "It's almost like a monster in the forest floor, a huge animal for a frog, leaping from one rock to another," Biju said.

Three other species were rediscovered, including the Coorg night frog described 91 years ago, after scientists "had completely ignored these animals, thinking they were lost."

The discoveries—published in the latest issue of international taxonomy journal Zootaxa—bring the known number of frogs in India to 336. Biju estimated this was only around half of what is in the wild, and said none of India's amphibians are yet being studied for biological compounds that could be of further use in science.

"We first have to find the species, know them and protect them, so that we can study them for their clinical importance," he said.

Biju is credited with discovering dozens of new Indian frog species during his 35-year career.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pacquiao's LA home burglarized; 4 arrested

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Four people were arrested after detectives discovered a burglary in progress at the home of champion boxer Manny Pacquiao while he was in his native Philippines preparing for a fight, authorities said Saturday. Nothing was taken and no one was home Friday during the midday break-in that detectives witnessed by chance in the Hancock Park neighborhood of Los Angeles, sheriff's Capt. Mike Parker said. The fighter was informed of the burglary and will proceed to his training base in Baguio to prepare for his third fight against Juan Manuel Marquez of Mexico on Nov. 12 in Las Vegas, his attorney and chief of staff Franklin Gacal said. Gacal said the break-in occurred when a security guard who oversees the house had gone out to eat.

Militants attack Pakistani checkpoint, kill 3

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A government official says militants have attacked a security checkpoint in northwestern Pakistan, killing a policeman and two members of an anti-Taliban militia. Farooq Khan says the attack took place late Saturday night in the Aka Khel area of the Khyber tribal region. The checkpoint is located on a key route that NATO uses to transport supplies to forces in neighboring Afghanistan. Khan said on Sunday that security forces and local tribesmen fought back against the militants, killing 10 of them. Khan is a local administrator in the area. No group has claimed responsibility for the attack. But the Pakistani Taliban have staged frequent attacks against security forces and tribesmen who have opposed them.

Death toll in Sri Lankan train accident rises to 3

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka (AP)—Sri Lanka police say the death toll in a train collision has risen to three. Another 27 were injured. A passenger train rammed into an observation car at the back of another train Saturday evening near a railway station in Alawwa, about 35 miles (60 kilometers) northeast of capital, Colombo. Television footage Sunday showed that the observation car was severely damaged. Police spokesman Maxi Proctor said a French national was among the dead but did not give his name. The driver of the train and his assistant were also killed. Police are investigating the cause of the accident. Proctor said 18 people are still hospitalized.

World

IN GADHAFI'S HOMETOWN

Libyan fighters inch forward

SIRTE, Libya (AP)—Revolutionary fighters have struggled to make gains in an assault into Gadhafi's hometown with bloody street-by-street battles against loyalist forces fiercely defending the most symbolic of the shattered regime's remaining strongholds.

The fresh attack into the Mediterranean coastal city of Sirte on Saturday contrasted with a stalemate in the mountain enclave of Bani Walid where demoralized anti-Gadhafi forces tried to regroup after being beaten back by loyalist snipers and gunners holding strategic high ground.

Intense resistance has stalled forces of Libya's new leadership trying to crush the dug-in fighters loyal to Gadhafi, weeks after the former rebels swept into Tripoli on Aug. 21 and pushed the country's leader out of power and into hiding. Sirte and Bani Walid are the main bastions of backers of the old regime in Libya's coastal plain, but smaller holdouts remain in the deserts of the center of the country—and another major stronghold, Sabha, lies in the deep south.

The resistance has raised fears of a protracted insurgency of the sort that has played out in Iraq and Afghanistan, even as the transitional government tries to establish its authority and move toward eventual elections.

A military spokesman for the transitional government said revolutionaries do not know Gadhafi's location.

Col. Ahmed Omar Bani pointed to the still uncollected bounty of nearly $2 million that the new leadership has put on the fugitive leader's head, saying, "Up to now we don't have any certain information or intelligence about his whereabouts."

Iran: Court to commute sentences for 2 Americans

TEHRAN, Iran—Iran's foreign minister has said that the courts are willing in "the near future" to commute the prison sentences for two Americans convicted of spying. The Americans' lawyer, meanwhile, was in court trying to arrange a $1 million bail-for-freedom deal.

The release rests in the hands of the hard-line judiciary, and Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Salehi gave no clear timetable in his remarks on Saturday. He also raised the issue of Iranians held in U.S. prisons, suggesting the Americans' release might be drawn out to bring attention to inmates Iran wants freed.

AP
In this Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 file photo, US hikers Shane Bauer, left, and Josh Fattal, attend their trail in Iran.

In a case that has added to the acrimony and deep distrust between Iran and the U.S., Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal, both 29, were detained along the Iran-Iraq border in July 2009 with their friend Sarah Shourd. Shourd was released last September with mediation by the Gulf nation of Oman after $500,000 was paid.

The two men were convicted of illegally entering Iran and spying for the United States, and were sentenced to a total of eight years in prison each.

They denied the charges and appealed the verdicts, opening the way for the possible deal to free them in exchange for $500,000 bail each.

Salehi said at a news conference that Iran's judiciary was ready to commute the sentences as a gesture of Islamic mercy. But he did not give any clearer indication of when they could be released.

"The judiciary's decision is to commute (the Americans') punishment," the foreign minister said. "We expect the judiciary to make its decision in the near future."

Chavez heads to Cuba saying cancer is history

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez headed back to Cuba on Saturday night for a fourth phase of chemotherapy that he expects to be his last round of treatment for cancer.

Supporters saw off Chavez with songs and a prayer outside the presidential palace before he left for the airport along with Bolivian President Evo Morales, who was accompanying him to the island.

Chavez told the crowd that he is confident he is overcoming the illness.

"I'm sure that this week we will close the cycle of chemotherapy and we will be turning the page," he told supporters, standing at the doors of the presidential palace.

"Chavez's cancer is now part of this history," he added, likening it to the short-lived coup he survived in 2002.

Chavez waved to the crowd wearing the red beret and fatigues from his years as an army paratroop commander.

He said he expected to undergo medical tests in Havana on Saturday night and then resume chemotherapy Sunday.

Chavez said he and Morales both planned to meet with Cuban President Raul Castro.

Later, a military band played Venezuela's national anthem at the airport as Chavez and Morales prepared to board their flight to Havana. Chavez said he would return to Venezuela before next weekend.

Chavez underwent surgery in Cuba in June to remove a tumor from his pelvic region. Since then, he has undergone three rounds of chemotherapy treatments, two of those in Cuba.

He has lost weight, and since the beginning of August he has appeared with his head shaved after his hair began to fall out due to chemotherapy.

The 57-year-old leader has said that the treatment aims to prevent any cancerous cells from reappearing and that tests have shown no signs of a recurrence.

Health & Fitness

Exercises that can help your posture

» Which could spare you back pain down the line

By JULIE DEARDORFF
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Poor posture can make you look 10 pounds heavier. It could sabotage a promotion. And slumped or hunched shoulders are a major reason why back pain affects 80 percent of Americans at some point in their life.

"Poor posture isn't just disrespectful; it will ruin your spinal health and leads to a dreadful life," said Gloria Starr, an international business coach who teaches posture at her North Carolina finishing and etiquette school.

When your frame is aligned—meaning your heels, knees, pelvis and neck are stacked on top of each other—it moves more efficiently, can carry heavier loads, tires less easily and is less susceptible to strain or injury.

But the minute you sit down to update your Facebook page or drive to the store, you'll likely drop your chin, tilt your head forward and round or hunch your shoulders. This pulls your muscles and ligaments out of balance—some muscles grow tight while others become weak—leading to back and neck pain, headaches, fatigue and other problems.

Still, it takes years to develop slouched shoulder syndrome and vulture neck, conditions that can't be reversed overnight. Simply increasing physical activity doesn't necessarily help; when a person with bad posture becomes more active it's "like driving around with a crooked axle and hoping that the driving will straighten it out," said Esther Gokhale, founder of the Gokhale Method, which treats chronic pain through postural adjustments.

If you're having pain, get your posture assessed by a physical or occupational therapist who can test muscle strength and flexibility, and can make adjustments to your work station if you have a sedentary job. The following exercises can also help strengthen the muscles that grow overused and tight.

BILL HOGAN/CHICAGO TRIBUNE/MCT
Susan Daggett, from the Tribune fitness center, demonstrates proper, left, and improper posture, right, while sitting.

THE OJ SQUEEZE:

When shoulders hunch, the muscles that stabilize the shoulder—the rhomboids and mid-trapezius muscles—become weak.

Try it: Pretend you're holding an orange between your shoulder blades and try to squeeze it to make juice by bringing the shoulder blades (scapula) down and together, said physical therapist Paul Drew, the author of the book "Red Carpet Posture." Hold for 10 seconds. You'll also stretch out the front of your shoulders, which may be tight from slouchy desk posture.

THE SHOULDER ROLL:

Hunching the back forward compresses the front section of certain spinal discs and squeezes the contents backward, similar to squeezing one side of a s'more, said Gokhale, author of "8 Steps to a Pain-Free Back." "Over time, this action wears and tears the fibrous exterior at the back of the disc," she said.

Try it: Move one shoulder forward, upward and as far backward as you comfortably can without significantly moving your body. Gently slide your shoulder blade down along your spine. Your shoulder may settle further back than usual. Repeat on the other side.

THE 5-MINUTE REST:

The eyes are often overlooked when it comes to posture. Once they're overused or fatigue, the head moves forward, taking us out of alignment, said Donna Eshelman, a Los Angeles-based Feldenkrais practitioner who teaches posture improvement to desk workers.

Try it: Lie on your back for five minutes. "Cup" your eyes by interlacing your fingers and placing the heels of your hands on your cheekbones and outer eyes to block out the light. This will help "oxygenate your fatigued muscles, improve breathing and restore your alignment," said Eshelman. Repeat once an hour.

TOWEL CHEST STRETCH:

To keep the shoulders from rounding forward, stretch out the chest muscles and strengthen the mid-upper back, said fitness expert Tracey Mallett, a Pilates instructor and personal trainer.

Try it: Stand tall with your legs shoulder-width apart, holding a rolled-up bath towel—one end in each hand, said Mallett. Keeping the bath towel taut, reach the arms forward at shoulder height. Exhale and pull the arms up and as far back as you can; you should feel a stretch in the pectoral muscles. Hold for two breath cycles and then return the arms back to shoulder height. Repeat five more times.

PLANK:

Strong transversus abdominus muscles, which are the deep back and abdominal muscles closest to your spine, protect your discs and nerves from impact, said Gokhale.

Try it: Begin in push-up position, with your arms straight. Imagine a straight line from your legs through your torso to your neck. Don't sag or lift your butt. If your shoulders are tensed toward your neck, roll them open, Gokhale said. Hold for up to a minute. This will "strengthen the muscles that keep your spine happy and lengthened," she said.

DO DEVICES HELP?

"Ergonomic training," or teaching people how to sit at their desk, is one of the most common ways to improve posture. But can gadgets such as posture braces (think SkyMall magazine), posture clothing and even posture necklaces also help?

In general, postural supports or harnesses "can be a helpful reminder to not slump the upper body forward," said Esther Gokhale.

The problem with many of the devices is "they don't improve pelvic position, which is the key to sustainable, healthy posture," Gokhale said. "Ultimately, there is no product that can substitute for knowing what to do with one's own body. Devices can only be useful in conjunction with an education in healthy posture."

One promising device, however, is a webcam that provides desk workers with pictures of how they currently look alongside a photo of their own correct posture. A study in the current issue of Applied Ergonomics found that use of the webcam, in conjunction with conventional training, resulted in sustained improvement. An effective intervention should be "a continuous process that provides frequent feedback," said the Israeli researchers.

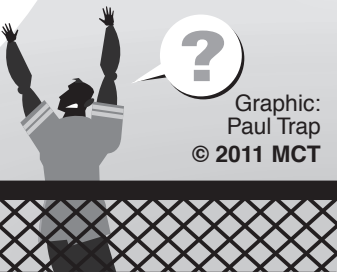
Personal Trainer

Bending a soccer kick

It looks like magic when a kicked soccer ball takes a sharp curve as it nears the goal. But it's really just simple physics – and technique that it takes years to develop.

Beckham's 'bend'

Researchers have measured the flight of kicks by England's David Beckham, some typical figures:



1 Beckham gives kick two types of velocity – forward motion and spin

Spin can be at any angle in relation to the ball's flight

2 At first, forward motion overpowers spin, and ball flies in straight or gently curving path

Side movement during flight:
More than 6 ft. (2 m)

3 Ball suddenly slows because of air resistance, spin overpowers forward velocity and ball takes different, more curved path

Air drag: **Increases by 100%, slows ball**

Speed in final swerve: **42 mph (68 kph)**

4 Ball curves into goal

Distance to goal:
88 ft. (26.8 m)

Initial speed:
80 mph (129 kph)

Famous kick 'benders'

- David Beckham (England)
- Roberto Carlos (Brazil)
- Michael Ballack (Germany)

Source: Reuters, Matt Carre of University of Sheffield Sports Engineering Research Group, Joeri Wilms of Fluent Benelux, Takeshi Asai of Yamagata Univ.

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Life & Style

Party crasher: Journey guitarist broke up marriage

AP

In this Tuesday, Nov. 24, 2009 file photo, Michaele and Tareq Salahi, right, arrive at a State Dinner at the White House in Washington.

RICHMOND, Virginia (AP)—Celebrity White House gate crasher Tareq Salahi filed for divorce Friday, claiming his wife was flaunting her affair with the lead guitarist for the rock band Journey.

Tareq Salahi filed paperwork saying his wife, Michaele Salahi, abandoned the marriage when she left their Virginia home Tuesday to be with Neal Schon in Tennessee. He also accused Schon of emailing him a picture of a penis, though he doesn't elaborate as to why.

"Over the objections of me, she continually exposes our friends and acquaintances to her adulterous relationship and has flaunted the same throughout the community, the nation and indeed the world, and thus caused ... me to suffer great harm, humiliation, and embarrassment," he said in the divorce petition.

Schon did not return an email. A representative for the group did not return a call seeking comment. Neither Tareq Salahi nor his attorney returned messages seeking comment.

Tareq reported his wife missing the day she reportedly ran off with Schon. He told police he feared she had been kidnapped, but authorities who talked to her said she told them she was "where she wanted to be."

Court documents say the couple had a prenuptial agreement, but the terms were not specified. The couple was married in November 2003.

"There is no hope or possibility of reconciliation," Tareq Salahi said, adding that he "has been greatly hurt and disturbed" by Michaele Salahi's actions.

The couple gained notoriety in 2009 when they crashed a White House state dinner. Michaele Salahi was a cast member of the reality show "Real Housewives of D.C." last year, but the show was canceled after one season. She was thrown off the reality show "Celebrity Rehab with Dr. Drew" when it became apparent she wasn't addicted to anything.

Tareq Salahi said in the court filing that Schon was his wife's former boyfriend. Schon's band had played at the couple's northern Virginia winery and photos on social networking websites show them partying with the band on several occasions. He also said the band paid for his wife's travel, accommodations and other expenses.

Tareq Salahi claims he has suffered both emotional and physical harm from his wife's actions. Besides being able to stay in their home, he asked the court to ban both parties from harming the value of their assets, threatening or harassing each other.

Sinise honors wounded vets at Lt. Dan Weekend

By BRUCE SMITH
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BEAUFORT, South Carolina (AP)—Ever since playing Lt. Dan—the character in the movie "Forrest Gump" who lost his legs fighting in Vietnam—actor Gary Sinise has devoted time and treasure to helping U.S. military personnel and first responders.

Sinise

This week he returned to South Carolina's Lowcountry, where much of the 1994 film was shot, for the second annual Lt. Dan Weekend, a gathering of military personnel and veterans who were severely wounded in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Volunteers raise donations so the veterans have a chance to get away. Sinise's Lt. Dan Band scheduled a benefit concert on the Beaufort waterfront Friday night.

"We have a lot of folks who are banged up out there and need our help," said Sinise, the star of the TV show "CSI-New York," during a Thursday reception for the 65 wounded personnel, their caregivers and families attending the four-day weekend. "I always remember this great Calvin Coolidge quote that the nation that forgets its heroes will itself be forgotten."

The cover band, formed in 2004, plays about 40 shows a year, most of them for charity and many for military personnel and veterans. Sinise has also formed a foundation to support the military and first responders.

The idea of the Lt. Dan Weekend came from Steve "Luker" Danyluk, who in 2007 founded the Independence Fund that provides support for those who suffered severe wounds in the fight against terrorism.

Danyluk, who moved to the Beaufort area two years ago, is a Marine veteran who served in Iraq and later worked with the wounded at the Military Severely Injured Center. He said he was sitting in a restaurant with his wife and saw pictures from "Forrest Gump" on the wall.

"It just popped into my head that we should get Gary Sinise here to do a benefit because he had performed for us in Dallas," he said, adding that he emailed Sinise. "I didn't know if I would get anything back but I got a response in about 20 minutes."

Sinise replied "Lt. Dan Band in Beaufort—make it happen," he recalled.

This weekend's events include the concert, a bike ride, golf tournament, an art exhibit dealing with the wars and films, including a presentation of "Happy New Year," about injured veterans dealing with the psychological scars of combat.

More than $1.5 million has been raised through the two Lt. Dan weekends.

"It's a purely volunteer effort. We don't have any big corporate sponsors although American Airlines ran a flight to bring in the band," Danyluk said. "Gary has donated everything."

Judy Ferguson, a 69-year-old retiree from Bluffton who was helping with the reception, said the wounded warriors bring home what the military has been dealing with for a decade.

"When you see them, you have no doubt in your mind of what these guys are facing," she said.

One of the wounded is 22-year-old Marine Cpl. Justin Gaertner, who lost his lower legs to an IED, or improvised explosive device, in Afghanistan. He was working with a unit sweeping mines.

He said he has been walking on artificial legs for about six months now and has gone water skiing, scuba diving, kayaking, fishing and sky diving.

"It's all about who you are. If you are self-motivated and want to go out and do that stuff you can," he said.

But he's not sure he now wants to stay in the Marines.

ON THE NET

- Lieutenant Dan Weekend: http://www.ltdanweekend.com/
- Independence Fund: http://www.independencefund.org/
- Gary Sinise Foundation: http://www.garysinisefoundation.org

Beer flows as Germany kicks off Oktoberfest

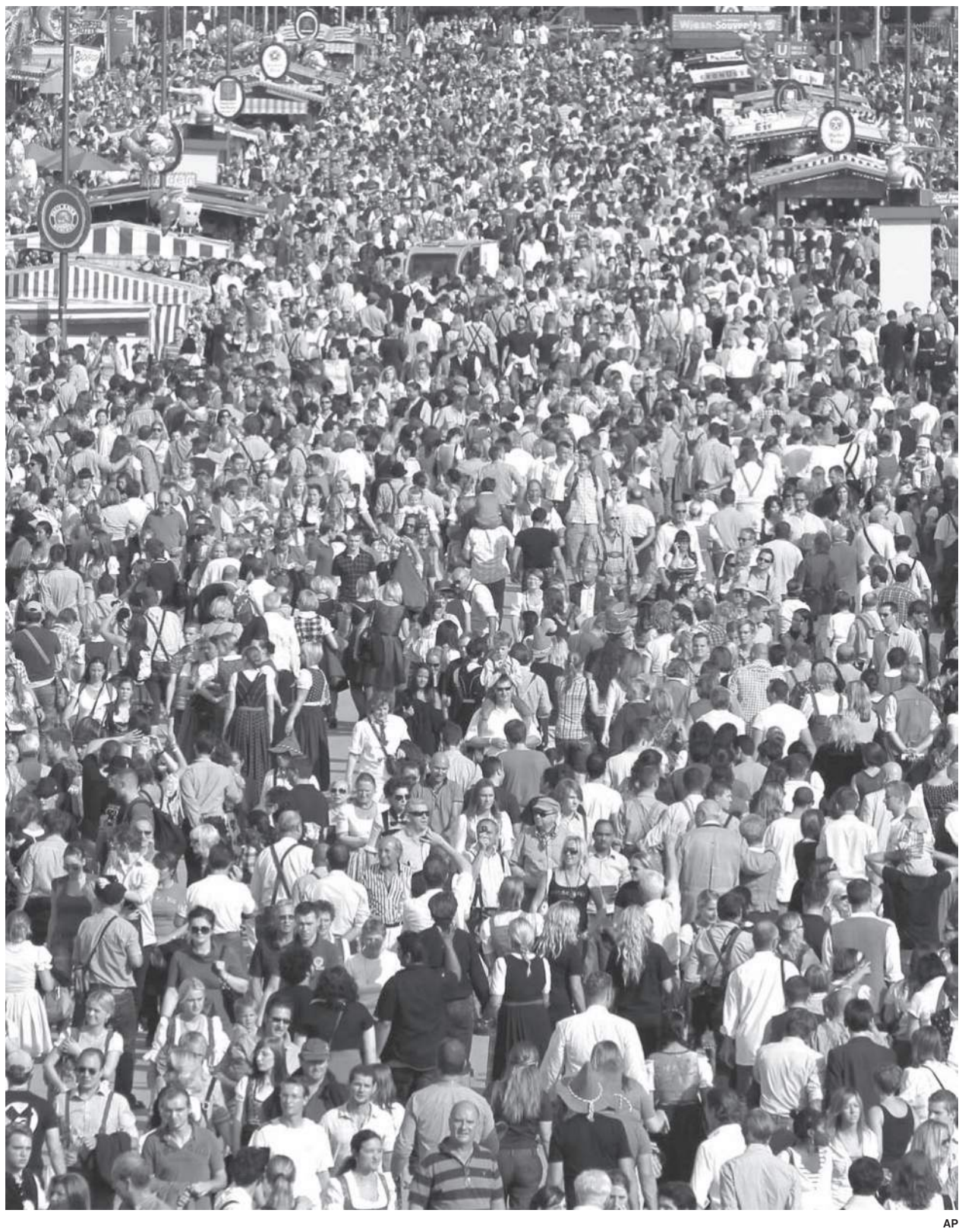
BERLIN (AP)—The mayor of Munich has tapped the first keg to kick off the 178th traditional German folk festival Oktoberfest.

With only two deft blows of his hammer and a cry of "O'zapft is"—"It's Tapped," Mayor Christian Ude inserted the first tap into the first keg as the festival opened its doors to the public Saturday

More than six million guests from around the world are expected to descend on the beer tents of Munich to celebrate Oktoberfest over the next 17 days.

Last year's visitors consumed some 7.1 million 2-pint (1-liter) mugs of beer. This year a mug, called "Mass" in German, tipped the €9 mark, selling at €9.20 ($12.66).

German authorities have increased the security around the fairgrounds this year, although they say no concrete threat exists.



AP

Visitors attend the first day at the famous Bavarian "Oktoberfest" beer festival in Munich, southern Germany, on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011. The world's largest beer festival, to be held from Sept. 17 to Oct. 3, 2011 will see some million visitors.

Israelis get nude for art at lowest point on earth

AP PHOTO/ARIEL SCHALIT

Hundreds of naked people float in the Dead Sea during a massive naked photo session for U.S. artist and photographer Spencer Tunick,early Saturday, in Mineral beach in the Dead Sea, Israel,Sept. 17, 2011.

JERUSALEM (AP)—About 1,000 Israelis have bared it all in a mass nude photo shoot at the Dead Sea.

The volunteers stripped down Saturday for photographer Spencer Tunick, who has gained fame for his nude group photos in public spaces around the world.

Tunick chose the Dead Sea for his latest project to deliver an environmental message highlighting the plight of the world's lowest and saltiest body of water. The fabled salty lake is dropping nearly 4 feet a year.

The Dead Sea is linked to the sites of the biblical Sodom and Gomorra, and one conservative Israeli lawmaker compared the photo shoot to that ancient debauchery.

But the 43-year-old Tunick has praised Israel as the only country in the Middle East with the freedom for one of his trademark nude shoots.

Jane Lynch rolls out red carpet as Emmy host

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Jane Lynch didn't trip over the red carpet while rolling it out Wednesday morning in anticipation of Sunday's Emmy ceremony.

Despite not seeing "daylight in a couple of days" and dreaming she might experience a "face plant" as the show's host, Lynch pulled it off without a hitch.

"I don't even know where I am anymore," she joked to dozens of photographers and reporters who gathered for the unveiling with the show's executive producer Mark Burnett and TV academy chairman John Shaffner.

For the fourth year, the show will be held at the Nokia Theatre in downtown Los Angeles. The 390-foot red carpet—more like a red sidewalk, really—will canvass the entire plaza across the street from the Staples Center.

After the show, Shaffner said the red carpet and the solar panels powering it will be donated to local charities.

"People will get to live on red carpet," he boasted.

Lynch teased that the 63rd annual Primetime Emmys would feature an appearance by such members of MTV's "Jersey Shore" gang as Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, Paul "DJ Pauly D" Delvecchio and Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino.

She said the show will also star a chorus of singing TV actors who will introduce the award categories. They might melodically move the show along, too.

"If any of our winners go long, they'll be gently singing them off," promised Lynch.

Inside the Nokia Theatre, the sweeping set was coming together. On one side of the stage, an enormous Emmy statue was showered in glittering charms. On the other side, a raised platform was surrounded by multiple screens. At the center was a voluminous circular screen doubling as an entryway.

"It's a very big stage at the Nokia," said Burnett. "It feels important. I like the colors—reds and golds, warm tones that make you feel invited and positive. Then, you drop in great musical moments and fun. That's the tone and pace. There's too much to fit in."

Does that mean the show will go over its three-hour running time? "Hey, has it ever not?"

Place cards on the chairs in front of the stage's black-and-gold stairs illustrated that Hugh Laurie, Betty White and Chris Colfer will have the best seats in the house: front-row center.

Other nominees with sweet front-row seat assignments included Jon Cryer, Steve Carell, Mariska Hargitay, Connie Britton, Kyle Chandler, Amy Poehler and Will Arnett.

Stars rake in the swag as Emmy gift suites abound

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Emmy nominees are always talented, and in the days leading up to the awards ceremony many are gifted, too.

Gift suites catering to Emmy nominees and presenters beckoned the stars, writers and producers of TV's top shows Saturday with loads of luxury freebies.

The stars who came by the Nokia Theatre to rehearse for Sunday's ceremony were invited backstage to the HP Touchsmart Gift Lounge, where HP gave away notebook computers and made a donation to the TV academy's non-profit foundation for each celeb who stopped by.

Actor David Boreanaz of TV's "Bones" came to the suite with his family in the morning and was among the stars who collected bedazzled toasters, sneakers made from recycled plastic water bottles, designer sunglasses, Centrum vitamins, Nautica watches and a $700 hair dryer.

At the Four Seasons Hotel across town, the HBO Luxury Lounge was a crowded, multi-room affair that drew LL Cool J, Loretta Devine, who won an Emmy for her guest-starring role on "Grey's Anatomy," "Mad Men" creator Matthew Weiner and veteran actress Cloris Leachman, among others.

Guests could retreat to a mini spa, where L'Oreal provided manicures, makeovers, hairdos and hot shaves. They could sip cocktails inspired by HBO shows such as "True Blood" and "Boardwalk Empire" in the Klipsch listening lounge; and they could gather lots of goodies, from handbags to headphones to high-end baby strollers.

Among the offerings: UppaBaby's $680 Vista stroller (outfitted with shock absorbers and an organic bassinet with a pull-out sun shade); rare and red-carpet-ready blue diamonds from jeweler Sophia Fiori; Brahmin leather handbags (popular Saturday with actress Melissa Joan Hart and TV personality Samantha Harris); indestructible steel "True Blood" headphones by V-MODA; and vegan footwear from Michael Antonio Shoes.

Devine, who won her Emmy at last week's Creative Arts ceremony, was all smiles as she navigated the crowded suite. Other guests included Penny Marshall, actress Lorraine Bracco and "Entourage" star Jerry Ferrara.

Hollywood balks at big budget movies as DVDs drop

By RYAN NAKASHIMA
AP BUSINESS WRITER

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Hollywood—long considered the land of excess—is becoming more cost-conscious, as movie executives rethink what they're willing to pay to make a blockbuster.

After years of beefing up budgets to meet audience expectations, movie studios are cutting back and canceling projects that are too costly. Half-baked, expensive movie ideas that would have received approval a few years ago are now under scrutiny. For movies that are made, producers have to settle for toned-down special effects, cheaper actors and fewer locations for shoots.

In the past five years, major studios have trimmed the annual number of films they release by nearly a third to cut costs and avoid having big movies compete head-to-head on opening weekends.

In July, two major projects were stopped mid-stream because of budget pressures. The Walt Disney Co. halted "The Lone Ranger," starring Johnny Depp, even though sets were already half-built in New Mexico. Universal pulled out of "The Dark Tower," a three-movie, two-TV-series colossus based on books by Stephen King.

A person familiar with Disney's thinking said the budget on "The Lone Ranger" was creeping north of $250 million, and the company wanted to shave it to around $200 million.

Universal, which became a unit of cable TV provider Comcast Corp. this year, withdrew from "The Dark Tower" because of problems with the business model, according to another person, who is familiar with that matter.

Neither person was authorized to speak publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity.

Disney CEO Bob Iger explained the company's approach to analysts in July. "It's our intention to take a very careful look at what films cost," Iger said. "If we can't get them to a level that we're comfortable with, we think that we're better off actually reducing the size of our slate than making films that are bigger and increasingly more risky."

Blame it on declining DVD sales.

Until recently, studios could afford to churn out movies with heart-pumping action scenes featuring pricey special effects and high-salary actors. Although many of those movies cost more than they garnered in ticket sales, Hollywood could count on overall strong sales of DVDs to make up for excessive expenses.

"The DVD buying boom covered up a lot of sins in the middle part of the last decade," said Tom Adams, principal analyst and director of U.S. media for IHS Screen Digest.

Arnett, Poehler keep Emmy rehearsals casual

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Emmy Awards were still a day away, but the Nokia Theatre was already abuzz Saturday as celebrities popped in to rehearse their lines for Sunday's ceremony.

TV stars such as Will Arnett, Amy Poehler and Zooey Deschanel practiced presenting awards on the swooping Emmy stage inside the mostly empty theater.

Seat-saving placards sat where real stars will be Sunday. Laura Linney, nominated for her lead role on "The Big C," and multiple nominee (and repeat winner) Jon Stewart both have aisle seats for easy stage access.

Poehler, a double nominee for producing and starring in "Parks and Recreation," went makeup free for Saturday's rehearsal. Dressed casually in jeans, a button-down blouse, nude pumps and a ponytail, the actress jokingly presented an Emmy to Barack Obama, "for this rehearsal only."

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In this photo taken by AP Images for 42Below Vodka, from left, Amy Poehler, Will Arnett, and Jimmy Fallon are seen at Broadway Video's Pre-Emmy Party hosted by 42Below Vodka at the Sunset Tower Hotel on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, in West Hollywood, Calif.

When producers asked her to practice accepting an award for an absent winner, Poehler playfully admonished the fake winner: "(He) thought he was too special to come tonight," she said. "Bad move."

Poehler's husband Arnett, a fellow Emmy nominee for his guest-starring role on "30 Rock," carried a coffee cup on stage before running through his lines with co-presenter Deschanel. He wore jeans, a T-shirt and a black jacket; she rocked a red sweater with a horse on it over skinny jeans and pumps. Together they retooled their presentation of the comedy series writing award.

"I was on a plane switching stuff around," she told him.

Once they got their lines down, Deschanel was afraid to open the winner's envelope.

"It says it. Can we say it?" she asked an off-stage director. She got the OK, presented a fake trophy to fake winners, and she, Arnett and two stand-ins disappeared beneath the stage.

Also rehearsing Saturday were the Tenors, who will perform during the show's "In Memoriam" segment.

The Emmy Awards will be broadcast on Fox.

Families facing Alzheimer's can explore many options

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My mother-in-law was diagnosed with dementia more than a year ago. She lives alone and can no longer do anything for herself. She can no longer climb stairs, which means she can't get to her bed, shower or do laundry, and it takes her hours to dress herself. She also needs help getting and remembering to take her medications.

Because Mom can't drive, she can't get to the store, the bank or anywhere else unless one of her kids takes her. She does nothing all day but watch TV and eat sweets.

When do her kids stop treating her like a toddler and start treating her with dignity? She clearly needs assistance, whether it's a couple of days a week of companionship or an assisted-living center. She doesn't want to go, but when is it time to do what's best for her and stop listening to what she says she wants? Her kids are afraid to make her mad, so this poor woman is withering away in her two-story home—lonely, smelly, sad and depressed.

I would move her into our home if we had a place for her, but we don't. What can be done for an elderly person who obviously can't take care of herself, but "fakes" it so her kids won't put her "in a home"?

HEARTBROKEN DAUGHTER-IN-LAW

DEAR HEARTBROKEN: Please accept my sympathy. Your letter is timely, because September marks the inauguration of World Alzheimer's Month.

Accepting the realities of dementia or Alzheimer's disease can be difficult for families, especially when the person with the disease has lost the ability to safely live alone or make sound decisions.

When this happens, families must take steps to ensure that their loved one is safe and healthy. This may involve bringing care into the home or exploring other living options. Fortunately, most communities offer resources that can help, including home-delivered meal programs, in-home care, assisted-living and residential memory care.

Because you are rightfully concerned about your mother-in-law's well-being, call a family meeting and discuss care options. The Alzheimer's Association has a consultation program that helps families navigate through these complex situations. It offers emotional support, needs assessment and information about local resources. To speak with a care consultant, call the Alzheimer's Association's toll-free, 24/7 helpline at 800-272-3900.

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my love for more than five years. Our lives have not been easy, but whose has? God decided to bless us with a little one while we were still too young, but we work hard to provide the best for our blessing.

Somewhere down the road the romance disappeared. I often wonder if he despises me for getting pregnant or for keeping our son. My love had big plans and still does, but he seems miserable. I know I can't force him to make the effort to change his own life and pursue his dreams.

I miss my friend, the person who wanted to be near me, hold my hand and hold me tight. Despite all my attempts to talk, nothing changes. Is it over?

ROMANTICIZING ROMANCE IN DALLAS

DEAR R.R.: As the saying goes, "It isn't over 'til it's over." The man you love may be unhappy that his life took an unexpected turn, but he's still with you and that says a lot. Because he won't talk out his feelings with you and appears to have withdrawn, remind him that you love him, want him to be happy and encoutrage him to talk to a licensed therapist to help him get his future back on track. It will be money and time well spent.

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

Good advice for everyone—teens to seniors—is in "The Anger in All of Us and How to Deal With It." To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $6 (U.S. funds only) to: Dear Abby – Anger Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included in the price.)

Lovato to young girls with problems: Seek help

NEW YORK (AP)—Singer Demi Lovato thanked her fans at a concert for supporting her after she entered rehab last year and encouraged young girls to seek help if they are dealing with similar problems.

"A year ago today ... I was not in a good place," the 19-year-old said at her concert Saturday night. "I needed help and I want anybody in this audience to know that if you're struggling with one of the issues that I dealt with or a different issue, that you can get help, that you can recover and it's possible if you just tell someone."

Lovato entered a treatment facility for three months last year to deal with "emotional and physical issues." The singer-actress said as an 8-year-old who faced bullying she had an eating disorder and later started cutting her wrists to vent her despair.

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Actress Demi Lovato arrives at the ALMA Awards in Santa Monica, Calif., Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011.

She performed a show at New York's Hammerstein ballroom, just days ahead of the release of third album, "Unbroken."

Lovato was beginning to play her latest song, "Skyscraper," when she stopped to address the crowd.

"They're so many beautiful girls in this audience that don't know that they're beautiful, but they just are," she said. "So I want to thank you guys for being there for me every single day I was away. I wouldn't be here without you guys today."

Concertgoers screamed "I love you" while Lovato spoke and one girl held a sign that read: "Demi makes me strong!"

After performing "Skyscraper," she sang a cover of Lil Wayne's recent hit "How to Love," a song about women's insecurities and their struggles to find love.

Lovato was the star of the Disney Channel series "Sonny With a Chance" before she announced she was leaving the show in April.

John Wayne exhibit to open in NYC ahead of auction

NEW YORK (AP)—John Wayne fans will be able to see the eye patch he wore in "True Grit," scripts with handwritten notes and a Golden Globe he won when an exhibition of his memorabilia opens in New York.

The exhibition features 100 items from among 750 scripts, costumes, awards and letters that Wayne's estate is putting up for auction. His American Express card, his personal saddle and the hat he wore for his Oscar-winning role of Rooster Cogburn in "True Grit" will also be on display.

The exhibit will be Sept. 23-25 at the Fletcher Sinclair Mansion on 79th Street. The auction will be in Los Angeles Oct. 6-7, but fans can place bids online at the Heritage Auctions website.

Wayne's real name was Marion Robert Morrison. He died in 1979.

'Happy Gilmore' actress Frances Bay dies at 95

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Frances Bay, who tussled with Jerry Seinfeld over a loaf of marble rye and played Adam Sandler's grandmother in "Happy Gilmore" during a career that began in the 1930s, has died. She was 92.

Her cousin Les Berman says Bay died Thursday at a Los Angeles area hospital after being diagnosed with pneumonia.

After working as a radio actress before World War II, Bay married and became a housewife. She returned to acting in the 1970s and her career took off. Bay played Fonzie's Grandma Nussbaum on "Happy Days" and kindly older ladies in shows like "The Jeffersons," ''The Dukes of Hazzard" and "Who's the Boss?"

The Canadian-born actress also was cast by director David Lynch in several films, including "Blue Velvet" and "Wild at Heart."

AP

In this Sept. 6, 2008 file photo actress Frances Bay poses at an unveiling ceremony for Canada's Walk of Fame in Toronto.

Fans of "Seinfeld" know her as the tough lady who fought with the show's star over the last loaf of bread.

She has no immediate survivors.

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

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I DON'T WANT SWIMMING LESSONS!!
TOO LATE. LET'S GO.
WHAT ABOUT HOBBES? DID YOU SIGN HIM UP TOO?
NO, ITS NOT GOOD TO GET TIGERS WET.
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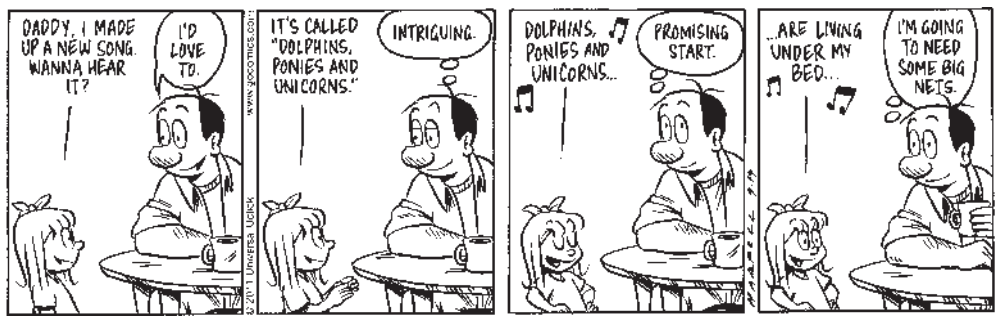
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28 Sharpen
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34 Raw rock
35 Restaurant employee
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Solution time: 24 mins.

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Saturday's answer 9-19

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Kevin Zegers, 27; Alison Sweeney, 35; Jimmy Fallon, 37; Trisha Yearwood, 47.

Happy Birthday: You may be uncertain about a lot of things, but that's no reason to change your direction. Stability is imperative and striving to keep the balance between your personal and professional life is a must. Being nonproductive is not an option. Immerse yourself in the projects and people you know can help you advance. Your numbers are 2, 9, 15, 22, 26, 35, 41.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Get out, have fun and meet people. Interacting and taking on challenges will introduce you to new options. You have to participate if you want to be in the game. Your charm will help you attract attention and get your way. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): A walk down memory lane will be eye opening. Trust your experience, not your heart, to lead you in the right direction. Meeting face-to-face will help you resolve a problem. Don't allow a change at work cause you to make a mistake. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Get rid of dead weight and move in a direction more suitable to your current needs. Do something about boredom before it takes over and causes trouble. A change of scenery will inspire you to strive for higher goals. Let your intuition guide you. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): You will be emotional about institutional matters, secret affairs and government agencies. Try not to show it. It's easier to get your way if you are masterful of mind. Let your excellent memory work to your advantage and you will excel. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You need a new audience, or at least a change of environment. Your energetic and flamboyant nature will attract attention. Take part in a challenging event and you'll make an impression. Love is in the stars, and socializing will reap rewards. ✪✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Changing your objectives will be tempting if you become emotionally involved in what's going on around you. Rethink the outcome and your strategy before you make a move. You can win by using your head, not your heart. ✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Communicate with friends, relatives and neighbors to solve a problem that is causing uncertainty. Profits can be made if you downsize or make a change to your assets. A residential change will improve your situation and ease your stress. ✪✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Put money into property or another long-term investment. Call in a favor if it will help you get something you want. A change of location will give you a new lease on life. Participate in a physical challenge to discover something about yourself. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Your high energy and determination will help you express concerns and desires with confidence. Put time and effort into building assets and improving possessions. A change to your residence will benefit you professionally. Use your charm. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Don't let emotions keep you from concentrating on gathering information and taking care of personal business that will stabilize your financial future. Make a decision regarding knowledge, responsibility and demands being made. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Enjoy what you have, but don't take it for granted. Physical health should be highlighted. Children and seniors will have an impact on your future. Make a promise to follow through and you will find success. Love is in the stars. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): You cannot change others, so change the way you deal with them. Don't ride an emotional roller-coaster. Set your standards and stick to them. A professional opportunity will come through someone from your past. Reconnect with old peers. ✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are helpful, playful and quick to react. You are emotional, unique and trendsetting. You welcome change and bask in attention.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★ 9/19

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Saturday's SUDOKU Answer

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Difficulty Level ★★★★ 9/17

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

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MERLY P. BACANI-MARQUEZ, Petitioner,	**FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0241**
Versus	**SUMMONS**
ARNOLD L. MARQUEZ, Respondent.	

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Petition for Divorce which is given you herewith, within thirty (30) days after service of this Summons upon you.

YOUR ANSWER SHOULD BE IN WRITING and filed with the Clerk of Court, Guma' Hustisia, Ilimwal Aweewee, House of Justice, P.O. Box 500307, Saipan, MP 96950 and served upon petitioner's counsel, Atty. Joe Hill, P.O. Box 500917, Susupe, Saipan MP 96950. It may be prepared and signed for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice.

If you fail to file an answer in accordance with this Summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Petition for Divorce.

By order of the above Court:

Dated this 2nd day of June, 2011.

/S/ Deputy Clerk of Court
Superior Court

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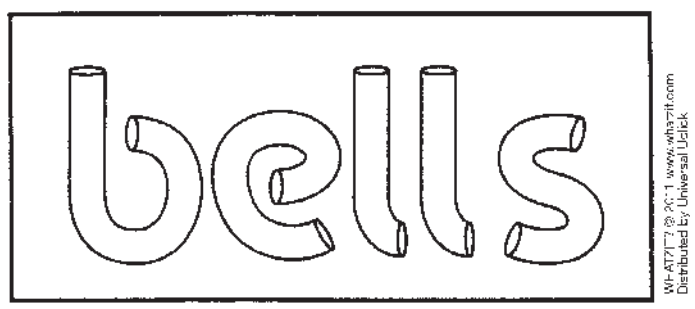

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Phillies take fifth straight NL East title

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Roy Oswalt threw seven dominant innings, Raul Ibanez hit a grand slam and the Philadelphia Phillies clinched their fifth straight NL East title with a 9-2 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Saturday night.

In a season where nothing less than a World Series championship would be considered a success, there wasn't much of a party on the field. The Phillies had a been-there, done-that attitude toward winning the division last year, and this time was no different.

Players ran onto the diamond a bit faster than usual, but they simply exchanged handshakes, hugs and high-fives as if this was an ordinary game in April. They did at least put on shirts and hats proclaiming themselves division champs.

The major league-leading Phillies (98-52) are four wins away from setting a single-season club record.

Oswalt (8-9) allowed no runs and five hits, striking out seven. Brad Lidge got one out in the eighth after Michael Stutes ran into trouble, and Ryan Madson finished with a seven-run cushion.

St. Louis fell 4 1/2 games behind Atlanta in the wild-card race. They had won eight of nine to narrow the gap from 8 1/2 back on Sept. 6.

Cardinals starter Jake Westbrook (12-9) allowed one earned run and five hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Philadelphia Phillies' Roy Oswalt pitches during the second inning of a baseball game against the St. Louis Cardinals, Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, in Philadelphia.

Braves 1, Mets 0

In Atlanta, Tim Hudson struck out 10 and Chipper Jones hit an RBI single in the eighth inning as the Atlanta Braves increased their NL wild-card edge by beating the New York Mets.

The Braves leads St. Louis by 4 1/2 games for the wild card.

Hudson (15-10) held the Mets to four hits over eight innings.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 1

In San Diego, the last-place San Diego Padres surprised NL West-leading Arizona for the second straight night as Wade LeBlanc and three relievers combined on a five-hitter and Orlando Hudson and Jeremy Hermida hit solo homers.

The Diamondbacks' lead in the NL West was trimmed to five games over the defending World Series champion San Francisco Giants, who won 6-5 at Colorado. Each team has 10 games to play.

Giants 6, Rockies 5

In Denver, Carlos Beltran had an RBI double in a four-run eighth inning and the Giants extended their winning streak to seven games with a win over the Rockies.

The Giants moved five games behind the Arizona Diamondbacks in the National League West with 10 games to play after Arizona lost at San Diego.

The Giants are also five games behind the Atlanta Braves in the wild-card race where they are third and trail the St. Louis Cardinals by a half game.

Cubs 2, Astros 1

In Chicago, Houston lost 100 games in a season for the first time in franchise history, squandering a bases-loaded chance in the ninth inning and falling to Rodrigo Lopez and Chicago.

The Astros, who began play in 1962 as the Colt .45s, dropped to 51-100. Minnesota has the second-most losses in the majors this season with 91.

Colorado and the Angels are the only remaining franchises that have never lost 100 games in a season.

Brewers 10, Reds 1

In Cincinnati, Yovani Gallardo struck out a career-high 13, including four in one inning, and Ryan Braun hit his third home run in two nights to help the Milwaukee Brewers inch closer to the NL Central crown with a romp over the Cincinnati Reds.

Yuniesky Betancourt also homered as the Brewers lowered their magic number to five with their fourth win in their last five games.

Marlins 4, Nationals 1, 13 innings

In Washington, Stephen Strasburg allowed one run on four hits over six innings in this third start back from last year's Tommy John surgery, but Donnie Murphy's(notes) two-run home run in the 13th inning lifted the Florida Marlins over the Washington Nationals.

Murphy entered the game at shortstop in the 10th as part of a double switch. John Buck(notes) led off the 13th with a single and Murphy homered off Colin Balester (1-4).

Dodgers 7, Pirates 2

In Los Angeles, bothered by a stiff neck in his last few starts, Hiroki Kuroda could have skipped his turn in the rotation and rested. Instead, he went ahead, somewhat reassured by results of an MRI that showed no new damage.

Kuroda set a career high with his 12th victory, helped by pinch-hitter James Loney's three-run homer and Matt Kemp's 111th RBI in the Los Angeles Dodgers' 7-2 win over the Pittsburgh Pirates on Friday night.

Yankees 7, Jays 6

In Toronto, Mariano Rivera tied the major league saves record, earning the 601st of his career and matching Trevor Hoffman while preserving the New York Yankees' 7-6 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

The Yankees closed to 6-5 in the sixth. Curtis Granderson led off with a double and scored when Rasmus bobbled Mark Teixeira's single to center. Robinson Cano was hit by a pitch and Rodriguez followed with his first home run since Sept. 4.

Derek Jeter opened the Yankees seventh with an infield single and Granderson homered against Carlos Villanueva (6-4).

Rays 4, Red Sox 3

In Boston, Ben Zobrist hit a two-run homer off Jon Lester(notes) to lead the Tampa Bay Rays over the Red Sox and trim Boston's lead in the AL wild-card race to three games.

Jeff Niemann (11-7) pitched five solid innings for Tampa Bay, which has won seven of its last eight against Boston. The Red Sox have lost 10 of their last 13 games since Sept. 3, when they led the wild-card race by nine games.

Orioles 6, Angels 2

In Baltimore, the Los Angeles Angels' shaky playoff hopes took another blow when Ervin Santana yielded five first-inning runs in a loss to the Baltimore Orioles.

Desperately needing a win to stay within striking distance of first-place Texas in the AL West and Boston in the wild-card chase, Los Angeles fell flat for the second night in a row against the last-place Orioles.

Rangers 7, Mariners 6

In Seattle, Josh Hamilton had four hits, including a homer, and drove in three runs to help the Rangers outslug the Mariners, extending their division lead to 4 1/2 games over the Los Angeles Angels in the AL West.

The Angels lost 6-2 to the Baltimore Orioles Saturday afternoon.

The Rangers offense picked up a struggling Colby Lewis (13-10) and hit three solo home runs off Mariners' starter Anthony Vasquez in the third inning.

Athletics 5, Tigers 3

In Oakland, Gio Gonzalez pitched seven innings for his 14th win and Oakland turned three double plays in the first five innings and the Athletics beat the AL Central champion Detroit Tigers.

The A's won for only the second time in five games, both coming in this series with the Tigers.

Magglio Ordonez had three hits and scored the only run for Detroit, which clinched the division the previous night.

Indians 10, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, Carlos Santana hit his 25th home run and Jeanmar Gomez(notes) pitched effectively into the seventh inning as the Cleveland Indians sent the Minnesota Twins to their seventh straight loss.

Gomez (4-2) won his fourth straight start since being recalled from Triple-A Columbus on Aug. 30. He tweaked his right knee trying to make a play and left.

Royals 10, White Sox 3

In Kansas City, Mike Moustakas hit his third home run in four games and Jeff Francoeur hit a three-run homer and the Royals beat the White Sox for their seventh straight victory.

The winning streak is the Royals' longest since winning seven consecutive Sept. 13-18, 2008. The White Sox have lost seven in a row, matching their longest losing streak of the year.

Rivera ties MLB record with 601st career save

TORONTO (AP)—To Mariano Rivera, it was just another save. To Yankees manager Joe Girardi, there's no such thing.

Rivera tied the major league saves record, earning the 601st of his career and matching Trevor Hoffman while preserving the New York Yankees' 7-6 win over the Toronto Blue Jays on Saturday.

"To me it was normal," Rivera said.

With his team still trying to clinch the AL East, Girardi wasn't hearing any of that.

"Right now, they're all big for us," he said.

The 41-year-old Rivera was perfect in pitching the ninth inning for his 42nd save of the season, leaving him on the brink of sole ownership of the mark.

"602 is the big one because it just puts the final stamp on it that he's the greatest closer of all time," Girardi said.

If Rivera doesn't get the record Sunday, he'll likely reach it sometime during an eight-game homestand that begins Monday.

"I would love to get it at home, but I don't think like that," Rivera said.

Rivera struck out Colby Rasmus looking to start the ninth, then retired Brett Lawrie on a broken-bat grounder to first. While some in the crowd of 39,288 headed for the exits, most stayed to watch as Rivera got Eric Thames on a routine fly to center.

Even before the ball had been caught, Rivera walked off the mound with his head lowered to shake hands with catcher Russell Martin. Rivera broke into a smile during the postgame congratulations line and embraced teammate Alex Rodriguez.

Center fielder Curtis Granderson flipped Rivera the souvenir ball.

Rivera, whose wife and two youngest sons joined him in Toronto for the weekend, told the media hordes gathered around his locker that he doesn't enjoy the spotlight of his record pursuit.

"I am uncomfortable because I don't have this much attention at all," he said, smiling. "I would like you guys to just leave it alone. That would be good."

Rivera, now in his 17th season in the big leagues, recorded his 600th save at Seattle on Tuesday. He also has 42 saves in postseason play.

"Mo is awesome," Rodriguez said. "You just run out of things to say about him. Every save he's had in his career meant something, and tonight was another example of that."

Blue Jays manager John Farrell called Rivera "the standard by which all are compared."

"If you're a fan of baseball and the game, you appreciate how good he is, how consistent he is," Farrell said.

The tying save came in Rivera's 60th appearance of the year, surpassing former Yankees teammate Mike Stanton with a record 14 seasons of 60 games

Granderson hit his 40th homer, a go-ahead shot in the seventh to cap a 12 pitch at-bat. He fouled off seven straight pitches before homering.

Rodriguez hit his 16th home run as New York ended a two-game skid. The Yankees trailed 6-1 before beginning their comeback with four runs in the sixth.

Aaron Laffey (3-2) pitched one inning for the win. Scott Proctor, Laffey, Hector Noesi and Rafael Soriano each worked a scoreless inning before Rivera closed it out.

Bartolo Colon, who has not won in eight starts, allowed six runs and seven hits in four innings for New York.

"It wasn't great," Girardi said. "Six runs in four innings is not what we expect from Bartolo. We'll see if we can get him back on track his next start."

Rose builds a 4-shot lead at Cog Hill

BMW Championship

LEMONT, Ill. (AP)—It's not quite the "fifth major" for Justin Rose, though it's a big deal. He spent last week at the "J.R. Challenge," named after himself and involving seven of his best friends from childhood who meet each year for a week of golf.

They went to Long Island and settled for a rotation of Sebonac, Garden City Men's Club, National Links and Friars Head. Using the Stableford format and a cumulative score through four rounds, Rose was a runner-up for the miniature trophy.

"They play me off a plus 7 - plus 7 and a little bit hungover, so that's not a great combination," Rose said Saturday. "But I did tie for second, so I worked pretty hard."

Among the top 70 on the PGA Tour at the BMW Championship, Rose seems to be having a much easier time.

Even as Cog Hill played tougher under sunshine and swirling wind, Rose made only one bogey as his top challengers fell apart. He wound up with a 2-under 69 and built a four-shot lead going into the final round at Cog Hill.

He attributes his best golf of the year to cleaning up his swing with coach Sean Foley this week, keying on one swing and playing as though he has nothing to lose. At No. 34 in the FedEx Cup, Rose is virtually assured of making it to the Tour Championship next week, and he might even go to East Lake with a win and a real chance at the $10 million bonus.

AP

Justin Rose, of England, watches his tee shot on the third hole during the third round at the BMW Championship golf tournament on Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011, in Lemont, Ill.

"It would certainly be a huge win at the right time," said Rose, who was at 13-under 200.

The closest player to him was John Senden of Australia, who needs to win to have any chance of making the Presidents Cup team. Senden had a rugged start, but had four birdies on his last eight holes for a 70.

Mark Wilson, who started the day tied for the lead, played a five-hole stretch in 5 over on the back nine and shot 77. He played the last hour unsure if he would get a two-shot penalty for grounding his club in the bunker at No. 14, although he was cleared because his club was placed in the sand to keep his balance as he replaced his ball. Wilson still shot 77 and fell eight shots back.

Webb Simpson was in contention until going from a bunker into the hazard and making double bogey on No. 17. He shot 73 and was six shots out of the lead.

Even with Rose looking like a runaway winner, there was plenty at stake for two cups - the FedEx Cup that pays $10 million to the winner next week at East Lake, and the Presidents Cup in Australia that doesn't pay a dime.

The latter means more to Geoff Ogilvy, who grew up in Melbourne and now has a home on the 14th hole. He put himself into position for a shot at both of them with four birdies late in his round for a 68, leaving him in a tie for third at 8-under 205.

A week ago, he was on the verge of being eliminated from the FedEx Cup playoffs until making a birdie on the final hole to finish at No. 69, when only the top 70 advanced to Cog Hill.

If he can stay no worse than a two-way tie for third, he will go to Atlanta and qualify for the International team at the Presidents Cup.

"I'm trying not to think about anything other than just play good golf, but it creeps into your mind every now and then," Ogilvy said. "It's a bit more complicated than your normal tournament."

He was tied with Bill Haas, who was within three shots of the lead until a bad break on his tee shot at the 16th led to double bogey. Haas, who is No. 12 in the Presidents Cup standings, had to settle for a 69 and was five shots behind.

If he can hold his position, Haas would make the team.

Rose is 1-7 on the PGA Tour when he has at least a share of the 54-hole lead. A year ago, he lost a three-shot lead in final round at Hartford and barely hung on with a four-shot lead a week later in Philadelphia.

"I've been there a little bit last year—won one, lost one when I was in a situation like this," he said. "So I've got some good experience on which to count on. Just keep seeing good shots and keep playing one shot at a time. I don't think you can get defensive. A four-shot lead isn't really a big enough lead to waste holes."

It was enough to give Senden some hope.

"I'm going to go out there with the idea of shooting a good score because Justin Rose is in great control, and who knows what could happen?" Senden said. "It's a funny game. Anything could happen Sunday afternoon."

Luke Donald, the world No. 1 who was an NCAA champion at Northwestern, is kicking himself for the way he started. He opened with a 75, yet followed that with rounds of 66 and 67 and was tied for seventh, although eight shots off the lead. The only other player with a 67 Saturday was Sergio Garcia, who broke a club in anger along the way. Garcia also was tied for seventh.

Jim Furyk, holding down the No. 9 spot in the Presidents Cup, had a 70 and was tied for seventh. He is narrowly ahead of David Toms, who is narrowly ahead of Brandt Snedeker.

They all took turns making a run, though Toms and Snedeker shot 73s and were tied for 14th.

"It's hard not to look at the scoreboard and see how things are going," Furyk said. "I would have liked to have a shot a better score today. I need to go out and fire a good number tomorrow. That's the only thing I can control."

Pitt, Syracuse apply to join ACC

NCAA

FLORIDA (AP)—The Atlantic Coast Conference has received application letters from Pittsburgh and Syracuse to join the league, a move that would leave the Big East scrambling to replace two of its longest tenured members.

Florida State President Eric Barron told The Associated Press on Saturday before the Seminoles played No. 1 Oklahoma that the ACC was excited about adding to its "northern tier."

"Pittsburgh and Syracuse, who have applied, these are solid academic schools, and the ACC is a truly academic conference," Barron said. "Certainly great basketball teams, a good history of football.

"I'm sure consideration will be very fast. I'll be surprised if it's not tomorrow (Sunday)."

Late Saturday night league officials announced a 9:30 a.m. ET Sunday teleconference but did not disclose the subject of the call.

Barron confirmed that 11 of 12 ACC presidents attended a meeting in Greensboro, N.C., on Tuesday—the other participated by phone—and unanimously approved raising the exit fee to $20 million—up from $12 million to $14 million —for any member leaving the conference.

"The great thing is that the conference is strong and committed to a unanimous commitment to staying together," North Carolina State Chancellor Randy Woodson said. "And to the extent that this is kind of a dramatic shift in conferences, we're trying to be proactive and stay strong."

The Big East's exit fee is $5 million, though schools wanting to leave must provide 27 months' notice.

A jump by Pittsburgh and Syracuse could lead to another dramatic shuffle in college athletics. Texas A&M already has announced its intention to join the Southeastern Conference, leaving the future of the Big 12 in doubt. The board of regents at Oklahoma and Texas are meeting Monday to discuss the possibility of the universities leaving that conference.

Big East spokesman John Paquette declined to comment on the possible defections. Pittsburgh spokesman E.J. Borghetti said athletic director Steve Pederson also wouldn't comment. Syracuse AD Daryl Gross also declined comment.

Louisville athletic director Tom Jurich said he believed the departures were a done deal.

"I think it was kind of a shock to everybody," he said. "We'll have to work around it. ... There was a lot of tradition in both programs. They brought a lot to the Big East. We'll pick up the pieces and surround ourselves with other teams that are out there. We all have to follow the landscape."

If the move goes forward, Pittsburgh and Syracuse would become the fourth and fifth schools to leave the Big East for the ACC in the past decade. Virginia Tech and Miami joined in 2004, and Boston College followed a year later as the ACC's 12th member.

Syracuse is a founding member of the Big East, and Pittsburgh joined the league in 1982.

News of a possible Big East upheaval came on the heels of the death of its founder, Dave Gavitt, who died Friday night after a long illness.

North Carolina athletic director Dick Baddour said the ACC created a committee last year of athletic directors, university presidents and faculty athletic representatives to examine possible scenarios of both expansion and defections. Baddour, one of the four athletic directors on the committee, wouldn't reveal specifics of those discussions nor comment specifically on Syracuse and Pittsburgh.

"If you think about this nationally, it's obvious that the world is turning upside down and you want the ACC ... to be in a position where we are strong in all areas, that all of our sports are strong, that our television packages are strong as well," Baddour said shortly before kickoff of the Virginia-North Carolina game.

Speaking on a pregame radio show, Virginia Tech athletic director Jim Weaver said: "We want to move forward and be the best we can be, and that's what we're going to do."

The New York Times first reported news of the talks involving the ACC on Friday, and CBSSports.com first reported Saturday the schools had filed applications with the ACC.

Until now, the focus of this most recent round of conference realignment had been on the Big 12, with the board of regents at Oklahoma and Texas meeting Monday to discuss their conference futures. Oklahoma could be heading to the Pac-12 and taking Oklahoma State with it. Texas has stated its desire to keep the Big 12 together, but the Pac-12 could be an option as well as football independence, a la Notre Dame, which competes in the Big East in all other sports.

Pac-12 Commissioner Larry Scott attended 23rd-ranked Texas' meeting with UCLA at the Rose Bowl on Saturday, but said he had no plans to meet with Texas athletic director DeLoss Dodds or President Bill Powers.

Scott talked with Texas, Oklahoma and several other Big 12 teams last year while his conference added Utah and Colorado, signing a massive television contract along the way.

Scott reiterated the Pac-12's stance on expansion: The conference is "not being proactive," but has been approached by universities and is willing to consider growing again. Oklahoma and Oklahoma State have been linked with a Pac-12 move for several weeks, and Scott has confirmed several unidentified schools recently approached him for preliminary discussions.

"I'm surprised there's been so much activity so quickly," Scott said, alluding to the upheaval in conference alignment talks the past few weeks. "There's been a lot of transition in a short time."

Scott said no school has applied for admission to the Pac-12, but also said the conference has no formal application policy.

There also have been reports linking Texas to the ACC, a move that likely would include Texas Tech.

When the Big Ten was looking to expand last summer, there was plenty of speculation about Big East schools on the Big Ten's target list.

But the Big Ten added only Nebraska (from the Big 12). A few months later the Big East announced TCU from the Mountain West Conference was joining the league in 2012 as its ninth football member and 17th overall.

"Nothing ... surprises me because it's been happening, the rumors have been going on for weeks now of who's going to where," TCU AD Chris Del Conte said.

MBI inches closer to Blue Haus finals

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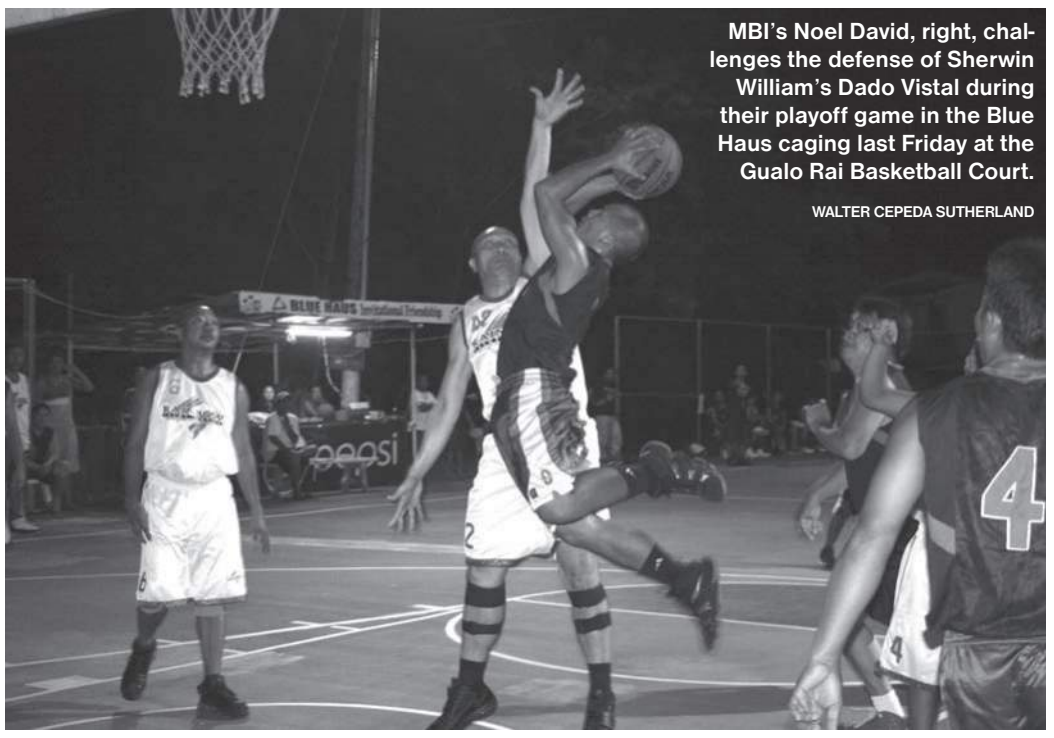
Micronesian Brokers, Inc. defeated Sherwin Williams, 71-66, during a playoff game last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court to move a win away from clinching a finals seat in the Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League.

MBI, which ruled the A Bracket of the inaugural league, was scheduled to face C Bracket champion Cell Pro last night and another victory will put the former in the championship round. Sherwin Williams is not out of the competition yet, as the three-team playoff round is a double-elimination affair.

The MBI-Sherwin Williams duel was a close one with neither team leading by double digits. MBI worked an early 19-16 lead in the opening 10 minutes behind Marvin Achas' six points.



MBI's Noel David, right, challenges the defense of Sherwin William's Dado Vistal during their playoff game in the Blue Haus caging last Friday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Then MBI's Leo Galarse came off the bench and fired 12 markers in the second quarter to keep his team in the driver's seat at halftime, 35-32. Sherwin Williams stayed in the game after Jun Tabora and Dado Vistal combined for 20 points in the first half.

MBI nailed a couple of three-pointers at the start of the third quarter to stretch the lead to eight, 55-47, heading into the final period. Galares added nine more points in the third quarter.

Then in the payoff period, MBI's defense held Tabora to just five points to secure the victory.

Galares led the field with 28 points, while Tabora finished with 22 on the short end.

MBI 71 – Galarse 28, M. Achas 14, David 11, Garcia 7, Delarama 4, Cordero 3, Trajano 2.

Sherwin Williams 66 – Tabora 22, Garon 16, Vistal 14, Mallari 6, Dayrit 6, Tobias 3

Scoring by quarters: 19-16, 35-32, 55-47, 71-66.

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man made his second free throw and gave SIP a three-point lead, 100-97. Ian Benavente received the pass and with the clocking ticking down, he ran and a few steps away from midcourt, he threw up a Hail Mary shot and his prayer was answered. His heave from the right sideline near the official's table hit the board and then banked in as time expired, extending the game to five more minutes.

The first three minutes of the overtime was another seesaw game until SIP executed its offense well in the last two minutes and went up, 115-109. However, the Jets refused to give up and scored four quick points on Eugene Manglona's layup and Melvin Cadiang's floater to move within two, 113-115, with less than a minute left in the extension.

Teams traded turnovers in the ensuing plays then Kevin De Len was forced to foul John Darag to stop the clock, which read at 6.6 seconds. Darag stepped on the foul line and missed both free throws. Benavente collared the rebound, passed it to Hossain. Hossain then threw the ball to Cadiang, who was sprinting to their frontcourt against two defenders.

Cadiang at first was seemed driving to the basket, but hesitated and stepped back, as he thought they were down by three so he tried to square off for a triple. Then even before Cadiang pulled up for a shot, SIP's defense ganged up on him and he fumbled as time expired.

SIP saved the win and join MDX/Armatech and Filcag/Rollers in the semifinals. The Jets must win their next game against Samahang Laguna next Saturday to advance to the Final Four.

SIP and Jets finished third and fourth, respectively, in the regular season and the battle for the third semis seat was close all throughout. SIP led by only two after the first period and the last three quarters ended in a deadlock.

The Ric Salem-coached SIP had a chance to win the game in regulation when it led by as much as seven midway in the fourth, 87-80. However, the Jets kept coming back and even regained the lead, 93-91, on Hossain's layup, going into the last minutes of the match.

There were several lead changes in the ensuing plays and SIP had the opportunity to close the game from the foul line in the last 30 seconds, but De Guzman went 2-for-4 from the stripe, keeping the Jets' hopes alive.

Filcag Rollers 98, Samahang Laguna 72

Filcag/Rollers took the second semis seat and will face SIP in the next round after clobbering Samahang Laguna.

Samahang Laguna suffered a lopsided loss, as it only manage to stay afloat in the first quarter, falling behind by nine, 14-23.

Filcag stretched the lead to 18 at the break, 46-28, after another 23-plus production in the second canto. Filcag consistently scored more than 20 points in all four quarters, while Laguna's lack of firepower was evident in the first three periods when it scored 14 in both the first and second canto and 15 in the third. Laguna had 29 in the final canto, but made a lot of baskets when Filcag had the game already in the bag.

First Game

Filcag/Rollers 98 – Aulerio 18, Hambros 12, Torres 9, Iglecias 9, Brennan 8, Eubanks 8, Namelo 8, Galarse 7, Cruz 7, Kiyoshi 2.

Samahang Laguna 72 – Aldan 24, Lapuz 13, Habijan 9, Gagaring 8, Manalili 6, Madre 6.

Scoring by quarters: 23-14, 46-28, 68-43, 98-72.

Second Game

SIP 115 – De Guzman 24, Palacios 19, Ne. Salem 15, Ni. Salem 14, Darag 11, Cenir 10, Aranda 8, Alegre 6, Saturno 6, Mariano 4.

AFP/Jets 113 – Hossain 28, Caro 22, Benavente 15, Cadiang 15, Manglona 9, Webb 8, De Leon 5, Deleon Guerrero 2.

Scoring by quarters: 22-19, 38-38, 65-65, 100-100, 115-113

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boom, he blindsided me."

Mayweather was winning the fight through three rounds, dominating with speed and landing good right hands to the head of Ortiz. He won all three rounds on two ringside scorecards, and two of three on the third.

Ortiz picked up the pace in the fourth round, trying desperately to get inside Mayweather's vaunted defense. He did on occasion and was having a better round when, late in the round, he appeared to intentionally head butt Mayweather in frustration as the two fought in Mayweather's corner.

"He did something dirty when it was his corner who said I was dirty," Mayweather said. "But I won the fight."

Mayweather later engaged in a verbal confrontation with HBO announcer Larry Merchant, calling him a name at one point and drawing a pointed response from the 80-year-old broadcaster, who said he would thrash the boxer if he "was 50 years younger."

While Ortiz claimed he was caught by a punch that came before Cortez ruled the fighters to continue, the referee said Mayweather did nothing wrong.

"Time was in, the fighter needed to keep his guard up. Mayweather did nothing illegal," Cortez said.

Mayweather, a 5-1 favorite in the fight against a champion 10 years younger, had vowed to go right after Ortiz and give the fans who bought the pay-per-view card at home an exciting fight. He mostly delivered on that promise, landing some good right hands in the early rounds and winning exchanges with his quickness.

Ringside punch stats reflected his dominance, showing Mayweather landing 73 of 208 punches to just 26 of 148 for Ortiz. Mayweather consistently beat Ortiz to the punch, and his experience and hand speed appeared to be the difference.

But he hadn't really hurt Ortiz and took some punches himself in the fourth round as Ortiz seemed to rally before the head butt touched off the series of events that brought the fight to an end. Ortiz quickly apologized to Mayweather after the head butt, giving him a hug and a kiss on the cheek while Cortez was busy taking a point away from him.

There was another quick hug in the center of the ring as action was about to resume, followed by the 1-2 combination by Mayweather that put Ortiz on his rear. Ortiz tried to get up, but was still on his knees when the fight was waved to a close.

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38 lead, heading into the fourth quarter. Pagarao added eight markers in the third period.

Party Rockers' Jeraldine Castillo mustered 12 points in their last ditch effort and did not receive much support from his teammates, allowing Kunoichi to preserve the lead and grab the win.

Pagarao led all scorers with 20 points, while Castillo finished with 17 in the loss.

MBI Rollers 32, Angels 30

In the second game last Saturday, the MBI Rollers also won in the fourth quarter.

The Angels led for majority of the match and almost pulled off an upset over the older and more experienced MBI crew if C.J. Morales' triple at the buzzer went in.

Morales earlier buried a trio of triples in the opening eight minutes to put the Angels on top, 9-8.

Then the Angles second stringers took the floor and kept the advantage at halftime, 17-15. Adrian DeLuna led MBI team with seven points in the first half.

Morales returned in the third quarter and added seven points, as the Angels maintained a slim 26-24 lead, heading into the final stanza.

MBI neutralized Morales in the fourth quarter and held him to four points. Morales had a chance to redeem himself in the closing seconds when he had a good look at the basket from the top of the key, but he missed the desperation trey.

Morales finished 20 points, outscoring MBI duo DeLuna and Zion Almor, who nailed seven points apiece.

670 Rollers 58, Ol'Aces 34

In Saturday's opener, 670 Rollers drained four long balls to build an early 16-10 lead en route to 58-34 win over the Ol'Aces.

670 Rollers' Prince Factor hit three triples for 11 points in the first quarter. Then the Rollers extended the lead to 12 at halftime, 28-16. The Rollers converted four more three pointers in the third quarter to put the game out of reach.

Factor's 11 points led the Rollers, while Aces' Chioni Dela Cruz managed eight in the loss.

First Game

670 Rollers 58 – P. Factor 11, Camacho 10, Lansang 8, Ano 6, Malonzo 6, Espinosa 4, Iglesias 3, Cayading 3, Pangelinan 3, E Feria 2, Floresca 2.

Ol'Aces 34 – Dela Cruz 8, Tadea 6, Ellama 6, Pecson 6, Sabino 5, Alfred 3.

Scoring by quarters: 16-10, 28-16, 42-22, 58-34.

Second Game

MBI 32 – Almor 7, DeLuna 7, Cenir 4, Darag 4, Cano 3, Rios 3, Cadua 2, Reyes 2

Angels 30 – Morales 20, Francisco 4, Abobo 2, Feria 2, Amog 1, A Factor 1

Scoring by quarters: 8-9, 15-17, 24-26, 32-30.

Third Game

Kunoichi 54 – Pagarao 20, Mendoza 12, Williams 8, Mesa 6, Pialug 4, Alegre 2, Arboliras 2.

Party Rockers 47 – Castillo 17, Abrams 13, Gozon 11, Lebria 4, Johnson 2.

Scoring by quarters: 6-17, 23-27, 44-38, 54-47

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	91	59	.607	–
Boston	87	64	.576	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	84	67	.556	7 1/2
Toronto	76	75	.503	15 1/2
Baltimore	62	88	.413	29

Central Division

x-Detroit	88	64	.579	–
Cleveland	74	75	.497	12 1/2
Chicago	73	78	.483	14 1/2
Kansas City	67	86	.438	21 1/2
Minnesota	59	91	.393	28

West Division

Texas	87	65	.572	–
Los Angeles	82	69	.543	4 1/2
Oakland	69	83	.454	18
Seattle	63	88	.417	23 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

x-Philadelphia	98	52	.653	–
Atlanta	87	65	.572	12
New York	72	80	.474	27
Washington	71	79	.473	27
Florida	69	83	.454	30

Central Division

Milwaukee	89	63	.586	–
St. Louis	82	69	.543	6 1/2
Cincinnati	74	78	.487	15
Pittsburgh	68	84	.447	21
Chicago	67	85	.441	22
Houston	51	100	.338	37 1/2

West Division

Arizona	87	65	.572	–
San Francisco	82	70	.539	5
Los Angeles	75	76	.497	11 1/2
Colorado	70	81	.464	16 1/2
San Diego	65	87	.428	22

x-clinched division

Yesterday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 7, Toronto 6
Cleveland 10, Minnesota 4
Oakland 5, Detroit 3
Tampa Bay 4, Boston 3
Baltimore 6, L.A. Angels 2
Kansas City 10, Chicago White Sox 3
Texas 7, Seattle 6
Chicago Cubs 2, Houston 1
Atlanta 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Florida 4, Washington 1, 13 innings
Philadelphia 9, St. Louis 2
Milwaukee 10, Cincinnati 1
San Francisco 6, Colorado 5
San Diego 3, Arizona 1
L.A. Dodgers 6, Pittsburgh 1

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weekend Sports

MMA bouts spice up week

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With the 2011 Pacific Games already done, local MMB bouts through Trench Tech's ROP 11: Onra provided the sports community the needed exciting competition last week.

Eighteen fights were shown in ROP: 11 at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort with Trench Tech fighters winning eight of them. Shane "Pikaboo" Alvarez gave fight fans the most thrilling finale when he outclassed Marianas Elite's Derrick "El'Peligro" Rangamar in five grueling rounds.

Other Trench Tech bets who triumphed in ROP were Josh "Chaos" Duenas, Vince Masga, Walt "Silent Assault" Florencio, Frankie Ramangmao, Mark "The Dark" Nuique, Frank Muna, and Mylo "AlabaMMA" Lassiter.

In other notable events last week, members and officials of the CNMI Baseball Team returned to Saipan from New Caledonia with their gold medals; the Banzai Memorial Half Marathon run had new winners in its sixth edition; and on-going basketball and futsal leagues continued.

The CNMI Baseball Team was welcomed back by relatives and friends at the Saipan International Airport and manager Tony Rogolifoi said bringing home the gold medal proved that the Commonwealth is the best in baseball in the Pacific.

Mieko Carey and Keum Bae Ji joined the "best list" when they ruled the half marathon division in the Banzai run, while Chad Lowe topped the 8K race.

In basketball, the regular season of the masters division of the UFO Docomo Pacific Cup was completed with Cabalen/Wings Travel taking the No. 1 spot and gaining automatic semis seat. MDX/Armatech placed second, followed by VisMinda/PIAHI, MAFEA/RNV, and SWAFSO/Ebisuya. Later in the week, MDX joined Cabalen in the semis after beating SWAFSO/Ebisuya in the first playoff game.

In the youth division, MDX finished first, followed by Filcag/Rollers, SIP, AFP/Jets, and Samahang Laguna.

In the UFO Bud Cup, Cavite/Andok's completed the playoff cast after eliminating MDX. Joining Cavite to the next round are Namfrel/Proa, UPAA Hoops, Cabalen/Noni, Bayani/Mobil, MAFEA/Ali'I Konflikt, and VisMinda/Satbahi.

In another playoff phase, Sherwin Williams knocked off Joeten Superstores in the Blue Haus caging.

Still in basketball, the Rotary league continued with its U15 and U19 games. Winning their U19 matches last week were the Sonics, Blazers, and Rollers 2, while Party Rockers, Rollers 670, and Proa prevailed in U15.

In futsal, Shirley's A and IT&E Awesome boosted their title bids in the women's division after separate wins last week, while Wild Bill's swept the second round of the men's category.

In badminton, the Shirley's Classic continued with its elimination games.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

Trench Tech's Vince Masga has his hand raised by referee Keith Nabors after defeating Irvin Saralu in their bout in the Rites of Passage 11: Onra last week at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND

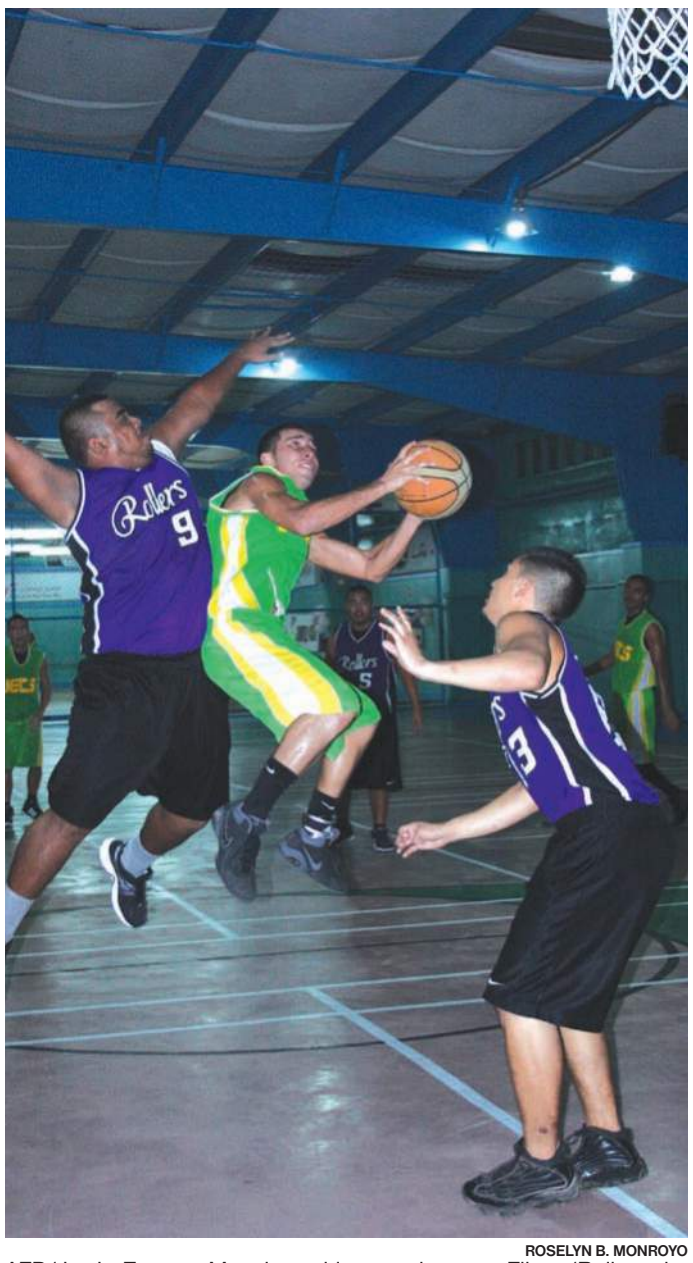
Trench Tech Purebred's Walt "Silent Assault" Florencio works Kev "The Rev" Esteves from top position in their bout in the Rites of Passage 11: Onra last week at the Royal Taga Ballroom of the Saipan World Resort.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

CNMI Baseball Team manager Tony Rogolifoi, left, and pitchers Elton Santos, center, and Joshua Jones arrive at the Saipan International Airport from New Caledonia where they won the gold medal in the 2011 Pacific Games.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kanata Omori serves during his and Cristy Villaflor's match against Oh In Sook and Gary Bandoja in the 2011 Shirley's Badminton Classic last week at the TSL Sports Complex.



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AFP/Jets's Eugene Manglona drives against two Filcag/Rollers defenders during their game in the youth division of the UFO Docomo Cup last week at the TSL Sports Complex.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Brad Ruszala, left, organizer of the 6th Annual POWERade Banzai Memorial Off-Road Half Marathon awards a medal to top male finisher Keum Bai Ji during a brief ceremony last Saturday.

ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Brad Ruszala, left, organizer of the 6th Annual POWERade Banzai Memorial Off-Road Half Marathon hands over various prizes to top female finisher Mieko Carey during a brief ceremony last Saturday.

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Sports

SIP survives Jets in OT, 115-113

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Samahang Ilokano at Pangasinense pulled off a heart-stopping 115-113 overtime win over the AFP/Jets on Saturday night to clinch a semis seat in the UFO Inter-Organization Youth Basketball Docomo Pacific Cup 2011.

The SIP-Jets playoff tiff was a classic thriller that even badminton players at the nearby court were lured to watch the nip-and-tuck game, especially the closing seconds of the regulation.

Spectators at both the basketball and badminton courts at the TSL Sports Complex were kept at the edge of their seats in the last 3.5 seconds of the fourth quarter when the Jets attempted to send the game in overtime and succeeded.

The nail-biting play started with Sahj Hossain inbounding the ball after Jaymak De Guz-

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SIP's Jack Aranda, left, goes up for a shot against the Jets' Ezra Caro during their playoff game in the UFO Docomo Cup on Saturday night at the TSL Sports Complex. ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Kunoichi downs Party Rockers in U15

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Kunoichi won the battle of all-female teams in the 2011 Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League after beating the Party Rockers, 54-47, last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

The Party Rockers lost the match despite taking a promising 17-6 lead in the opening period. Rachel Abrams paced the Party Rockers with six points in the first quarter.

Kunoichi rallied back in the second period and pulled within four at the half, 23-27. Lalaine Pagarao led the surge with six points in the second canto. Party Rockers' Abrams managed seven more markers in the second, but Kunoichi's full court press threw a wrench in their game plan.

Kunoichi stuck to its press after the break and opened up a 44-

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WALTER CEPEDA SUTHERLAND
Kunoichi's Lalaine Pagarao drives past Party Rockers' Jeraldine Castillo during their game in the Rotary caging last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

Mayweather wins
in controversial 4th round KO

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LAS VEGAS (AP)—In just one round, Floyd Mayweather Jr. got a head butt, a kiss and a hug from Victor Ortiz.

He responded with a right hand that ended a bizarre fight early.

Mayweather remained unbeaten and did it in emphatic fashion Saturday night, stopping Ortiz at 2:59 of the fourth round to take the piece of the welterweight title Ortiz brought into the ring.

The end came just as the two fighters emerged from a break, in which Ortiz had embraced Mayweather in the center of the ring. As they broke, Mayweather shot out a left hand and followed it with a right that put Ortiz down in his corner.

Ortiz struggled to get up as referee Joe Cortez called an end to the fight.

"We touched gloves and we were back to fighting and then I threw the left and right hand after the break," Mayweather said. "In the ring you have to protect yourself at all times."

The round was already controversial, as Ortiz appeared to head butt Mayweather intentionally, leading Cortez to take a point away from him. After the head butt, Ortiz went to Mayweather and gave him a kiss on the cheek.

Seconds later they were in the center of the ring ready to resume action when two punches ended it quickly.

"I took the break by the referee and I obeyed exactly as I was told," Ortiz said. "And then,

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Floyd Mayweather hits Victor Ortiz, right, during their WBC welterweight bout in Las Vegas Saturday, Sept. 17, 2011. AP